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THE ELECTORAL COUNT.

The Counsel Discussing the Question of Admitting Evidence.

Addresses by Messrs. Matthews, Stoughton, Merrick and Black.

WASHINGTON, February 3.—The Electoral Commission met at 10:45. Judge Clifford said under the second rule counsel should present the evidence they proposed to offer in a close, condensed and classified form, of course based on the condition that the evidence would be received. The proposition whether evidence would be received has not been decided, but the counsel would act as if evidence would be admitted until the Commission decided.

After some discussion as to the mode of procedure, Mr. O'Conor addressed the Commission, urging that evidence should be admitted subject to questions of its relevancy, and the effect to be considered with the whole case. He then submitted his proposition of evidence: First, that both Tilden and Hayes electors met on the 1st of December, and each cast their votes and forwarded the same to the seat of Government, with the exception that the Hayes electors were certified by the Governor and the Tilden electors were certified by the Attorney General; second, the proceeding under a writ of *quo warranto*; third, to show the common law of Florida and the construction of the statutes of that State as shown in the ousting of Sheriff Scarritt, the Legislature of Florida, since December 6, ordering a canvass of the votes, and the result of that canvass; fifth, that the Hayes electors represented the votes of a majority of the votes named, and that Humphreys was an officer under the United States.

Judge Black was about to argue in support of the admissibility of the evidence, when Justice Clifford reminded him that unless the other side objected there was no occasion, and suggested that he yield to Mr. Evarts, to prevent a misunderstanding.

Mr. Black said there was a misunderstanding now. He did not understand the case.

Mr. Evarts then began to address the Commission, but was soon stopped, on the ground that he was arguing on the admissibility of evidence before it was offered. Another discussion as to the mode of procedure took place.

Mr. Evarts then spoke in opposition to the introduction of evidence, mainly on the ground that if admitted it would be necessary to go to the fundamental facts in the election.

Mr. Black argued that most of the evidence was already before the Commission through reports of Congressional committees, now part of the record in the case. It would be the greatest injustice to require the evidence to be taken up piecemeal and subjected to objection in detail.

Justice Miller submitted a motion that the counsel on either side be allowed two hours to discuss the question raised by Mr. Evarts as to whether any other matter shall be considered other than what was laid before the two Houses by the President.

Mr. Sherman thought the scope should be enlarged, else if the Commission should decide to admit evidence, there would be no advance made. He proposed that the discussion should include what evidence might be admitted and also what evidence was now before the Commission.

Justice Miller modified his motion as suggested, and it was adopted.

At the request of Mr. Evarts an additional hour was given to either side in order to permit counsel to arrange for their arguments.

The Commission then took a recess.

An Agreement.

On reassembling it was arranged that one counsel of each side be heard to-day, and one on each side on Monday. It was further agreed that three counsel might be heard, but not beyond the time. It was announced that Judge Black would make some general remarks, and Mr. Merrick would make the regular opening. Mr. O'Conor making a reply to the other side at the close of the case on Monday.

Mr. Merrick's Argument.

Mr. Merrick made the opening address as to the question of the power of the Commission, and as to the regularity of the evidence now before the Commission. He thought there could be no question that the testimony was now before the Commission, whatever might be the decision as to its admissibility. He opposed the proposition that the duties of the Commission were purely ministerial, and that they could look behind certificates. If this doctrine prevailed, Governor Stearns, though he came in sack cloth and in pestilential sorrow, and asked to correct a mistake, could not undo a wrong in that paper. In the clause of the Constitution that the votes should then be opened and counted, he said it was not to be "counted," as claimed by the counsel yesterday, but "votes." That was the controlling word, and that before counting them it must first be determined what were the true votes, and this duty of inquiry rested on Congress without limitation any legislature evidence going to show what votes were the legal and true votes, he submitted, was competent to this tribunal.

Judge Black followed on the Democratic side, and Stanley Matthews and E. W. Stoughton on the Republican side, each occupying about three-quarters of an hour.

Address of Hon. Stanley Matthews

Mr. Matthews said: I take the first opportunity to correct serious misapprehension on the part of the learned gentlemen who have ended and opened the opening of this question in regard to the position which they seem to assume as being already taken on our side. I refer to the conclusive effect which they suppose we attribute to the certificate of the Governor of the State accompanying the list of those whom he certifies as having been duly appointed electors for that State. I am authorized to say by the gentlemen who are objectors to the second and third certificates that this statement is an incorrect representation of their position. I may also take this immediate opportunity for relieving the apprehension of my very learned friend, Judge Black, who spoke so well in regard to the possible effect of excluding consideration of what he has been pleased to call exhibits on evidence from the judgment of this tribunal. It was a quaint saying of Seldon, in a little essay on "Papal Councils," where he was treating of the doctrine that they were enlightened by the presence of the Holy Ghost, that he had generally found that the spirit dwelt in the odd man. (Laughter.) So that in the exercise of a constitutional function, however it may be, devolved by Congress upon this Commission in the count of the electoral votes, effectual provision has been made for the full effect of the transaction by referring it to a tribunal which cannot be equally divided. What is the transaction? What is the subject of the general investigation? It is stated in its final result—the election of a President and Vice President of the United States. In what does that consist? It is not a single act. It is a series of acts. The election of two high officers is not a popular election, either according to the spirit of the Constitution, the meaning of its framers, the interpretation of the generation which adopted it, or the practice under it. There is a select body to each one of whom who constitute a constitutional body who are to make that election, and they have a right to make a selection as well as decision, and both altogether, in my judgment, a mistake to suppose that electoral bodies are delegates representing a State or the people of a State appointed to accomplish their will. They not only have the power in the sense of might, but they have authority in the sense of right, to vote upon the day named for persons who in their judgment ought to be, all things considered, the Chief Executives of the nation. When the electors completed their work by casting their votes, then the transaction passed beyond the limits of State control, and it became federal, one of those things which passed to the jurisdiction of the federal power.

The Actual Question

before the Commission is which set of electors in Florida by the actual exercise of the official authority of the State charged with that duty has become clothed by forms of law with actual incumbency and possession of the office. The body of electors which has an apparent right and title, and which is in the exercise and possession of the functions and franchises of the office, and who actually exercise the powers of that office, is for the purposes of this tribunal the lawful body to cast the vote, and their votes must be counted. If the Commission went behind the certificate they were limited to an inquiry as to what are the facts to which the Governor in his certificate should have certified—those whose appointment was the lawful Governor, certified to be electors in fact and according to law have been appointed. The fact that a subsequent Governor came in, and that the court rendered judgment upon his status, could not change the *de facto* status of Governor Stearns. The *quo warranto* proceedings could not be alleged as against the fact recited in Governor Stearns' certificate, because the facts are not matters of legal construction. They exist of themselves. The fact is undoubted and unquestioned that Governor Stearns at the time indicated was the *de facto* Governor of Florida, and that the *quo warranto* case appeared clearly by the record not to have been in possession at the time, and their claim of the right to occupy the office did not affect the actual status of Governor Stearns, nor the legal and constitutional face of his action.

Address of Jeremiah Black.

Mr. Black, in his address on the Democratic side, insisted that the evidence being once in or offered or filed in the case, it was to be treated as a court of equity treats evidence. The Commission was not required to give it any particular amount of force or weight in its final judgment, but the Commission was to look at it and to determine the case on all the evidence before it. There had been much talk here about going behind the action of the State. He believed firmly in the sovereign power of a State to appoint any person an elector provided it was done in the manner prescribed by the Legislature, and he believed that after the appointment was made in that manner no man had a right to go behind it and say it was not an appointment fit to be made. Anybody, whether an officer of the State or an officer of the General Government, who undertook to set aside such an appointment as that would be guilty of usurpation of authority, and his act would be utterly void. Therefore, if the Governor of Florida in this case, after receiving those returns, made by the people, undertook to certify they were not elected, and to put somebody else in their place, that act was utterly void, false and fraudulent. They were not going behind the act of a State in this case. They were only going behind the fraudulent act of an officer of the State whose act had no validity whatever in it. When they were told that if the President of the Senate laid before the two Houses a false paper, a paper that was absolutely counterfeit, and that was the end of it, and that no extrinsic evidence could be produced for the purpose of showing that the paper was a forgery, the doctrine went too far. If that proposition were carried out to its logical conclusions, then it would follow that the two Houses of Congress must simply receive whatever anybody chose to fabricate, and to say before them, through the President of the Senate, that neither the President of the Senate, nor either of the Houses, nor both of them together, could do anything in the matter, but just take what was given without inquiring into the genuineness of it at all. The work of the counterfeiter was as well entitled to be regarded as the truth as the mere spawn of a criminal conspiracy got up for the purpose of cheating the people of the State and the people of the Union by overturning and overthrowing the great principle underlying the institutions of the country. The man who undertook to say he certified to the election of these men while at the time he did it there was upon the record which lay before him evidence that the fact was the other way was a counterfeiter and the paper issued by him was fraudulent. If the paper was fraudulent, was it not as void in law and as corrupt in morals as if it was a simple counterfeit made by somebody else than by a man who professed to sign it?

Mr. Black cited what he called evidence of fraud, the various proceedings to overturn the Hayes and Wheeler elections, and added: The State had determined that she would ascertain the truth in some undemonstrable form by a proceeding the correctness of which could never be impeached. She—therefore—had taken these usurpers by the throat, had dragged them into the court of inches, and there in the presence of a competent tribunal who had impaneled, then charged them with the offense before other parties who were claimed to be elected, and set them face to face. The proofs have been given on both sides, and there had been a solemn adjudication by that court of competent jurisdiction that the persons who claimed to cast their votes for Hayes and Wheeler had no right or authority or power whatever to do that thing. That decision, Mr. Black argued, was final.

Address of Mr. Stoughton.

Mr. Stoughton, the colleague of Mr. Matthews, said: This Court unquestionably will see that it employ no testimony not in harmony with law. The jurisdiction of this body is to count the vote, its power when counting is to receive only proof, if any, as the Constitution and laws permit. The purpose of the testimony offered is to go behind not merely the Governor's certificate, but the primary duty is to go behind the action of the tribunal which the State has set up, or else this testimony offered is nugatory and worthless. What is specially offered to maintain the right to have the votes counted for Tilden? We have before us the certificate of the Attorney General of Florida, who dissented from the majority of the Returning Board, stating in that certificate, with frankness, as he does, that there is no method of authenticating that tribunal beyond his certificate by giving the certificate of the Governor, because it would be in violation of the law of Florida for the Governor to certify to the election of electors who had been returned as such by the minority of the boards. What next do we find? A statute of Florida thrust upon us passed the 17th day of January, long after these electors had voted, and authorizing a new canvass. That is the authority for going behind the certification of the electors, which we submit must be largely coupled with the proceeding by *quo warranto*, ultimately in a judgment ousting the State of January declaring those persons who performed all their duties on the 6th of December were not legal in their acts, but that their acts were illegal and invalid, and the learned gentleman from Virginia (Tucker) said that that swept away all other acts of the officers as *de facto*. But he gave us no authority. It had been frequently held that where an officer *de facto* was ousted by proceedings, all his acts were necessarily considered as valid and binding—precisely could not exist without such a rule. So here the acts of the elector last appointed is legal and binding. The judgment of the Supreme Court of Florida only declared that the Returning Board had made a mistake, not that they had perpetrated a fraud. It seems to me, in view of the jurisdiction and capacity of this tribunal, in view of its power to take testimony, and in view of the purpose of introducing this testimony which I have undertaken to state, the application should be overruled.

The Commission adjourned until eleven o'clock on Monday, when Wm. M. Evarts and Charles O'Conor will close the argument on the pending question.

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, February 3, 1877.

SENATE.

The absence of Senators at the expiration of the recess (10 o'clock) made necessary a continuation of the recess until noon.

Credentials.

Upon reassembling the credentials of Senators Davis and Saunders, from West Virginia and Nebraska, were presented and filed.

Grasshoppers.

Joint resolutions of the Minnesota Legislature in favor of a law giving a bounty for the destruction of grasshoppers and their eggs were referred.

Government Printing Office.

A resolution instructing the Committee on Appropriations to report a bill making an appropriation for the support of the Government Printing Office was referred.

Postal Matters.

Mr. HAMLIN reported a bill authorizing the Postmaster General to pay the rent of premises occupied by Postmasters of the third class. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. HAMLIN also submitted an amendment to the Post-office appropriation bill appropriating $500,000 for steamship mail service between San Francisco, Japan and China for one year, and authorizing contracts with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for transporting a monthly mail between the ports designated. He also submitted an amendment appropriating $250,000 from the revenues of the postoffice to obtain proper facilities from the great trunk lines for railway postoffice service during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878. Referred.

The bill for the sale of the Fort Dallas military reservation, Oregon, was discussed until the expiration of the morning hour, when a brief executive session was held, followed by a recess till Monday morning.

HOUSE.

Appropriations.

The session was resumed at ten o'clock, and the House immediately went into Committee of the Whole on the Legislative, Judicial and Executive appropriation bill.

Mr. KERR moved to amend by fixing the salary of the President at $50,000 instead of $25,000, as provided in the bill.

A quorum not being present, it was agreed that a vote be taken in the House. Without coming to any conclusion the committee rose at 11:58, and the House, after prayer, ordered the Florida report to be considered on whatever day the first journal should be read, and again went into Committee of the Whole on the Legislative appropriation bill.

After having disposed of the bill, the committee rose and reported it to the House. The amendments fixing the salary of Senators and Representatives at $5,000 were agreed to. The amendment increasing the compensation of the President to $50,000 was defeated—yeas 47, nays 126. The bill was then passed.

The Speaker laid before the House a message from the President on the financial question, which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

A recess was taken till Monday.

WASHINGTON TOPICS.

WASHINGTON, February 4, 1877.

Military.

The order transferring four companies of troops from here to Fortress Monroe has been countermanded.

Silver.

The Secretary of the Treasury says he has sufficient silver to meet legitimate demands, and declines to re-exchange United States notes for silver brought to the department in sums varying from ten to five hundred dollars.

A. H. Stephens.

Alexander H. Stephens' condition on Saturday was more quiet, but he is gradually growing weaker. The President and his son Ulysses called upon Representative Stephens in the afternoon. When leaving the President took him warmly by the hand, and assured him he would call again and hoped to find him better.

Out of Money.

By the suspension of Congressional work at the office of the public printer about six hundred persons are thrown out of employment. The Public Printer has no money other than unexpended balances of appropriations to the departments and the Congressional Library, and for printing the proceedings and debates of Congress.

O'Conor at the White House.

Charles O'Conor, in company with Secretary Fish, called upon President Grant today to tender a manifestation of his personal respect, and was received by him with cordiality and with expressions of congratulation on Mr. O'Conor's extraordinary recovery from his recent dangerous illness.

North Pole Expedition.

The Ohio Senators and Representatives have received copies of resolutions of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce heartily approving of the bill appropriating $50,000 for an expedition to the North Pole, on the plan suggested by Capt. Howgate.

Terrible Death of Two Children.

ST. LOUIS, February 4.—Gerhard Hessling, aged nine years, and a younger sister, while out walking this afternoon, were run over and killed by a street car. The back part of the girl's head was mashed in and the brains scattered over the roadway several feet. The boy's neck was broken, his chest crushed in, and one leg broken. The car conductor, John F. Dryden, and driver, Alex. McDonald, have been arrested and lodged in the calaboose to await the result of the Coroner's inquest.

NEW YORK, February 3.—The unemployed workingmen, in a mass meeting, tonight, call upon the Legislature for an appropriation of $2,000,000 to give work to 55,000 idle men.

THE LOUISIANA CASE.

Gov. Wells Vindicated.

That $1,000,000 Bribery Story Spoiled.

MADDOX SICK OF THE INVESTIGATION.

Testimony of Littlefield.

WASHINGTON, February 3.—Maddox was again to-day before the committee on the powers, privileges and duties of the House in counting the electoral vote, and after saying, "I feel much indisposed this morning, and would therefore ask to be excused till Monday," handed to Mr. Field the two letters spoken of so often during his previous examination. One was read by Mr. Field, as follows:

NEW ORLEANS, LA., November 20, 1876.

To Mr. J. H. Maddox, New Orleans:

DEAR SIR—Understanding the political condition of matters here from association with both political parties and friends of the President and Government officers, would it not be considered part of your —— to go at once to Washington with as little delay as possible, and place before the President the condition and pending dangers of the situation. Should you conclude upon prompt action in the premises, allow me to commend you to Senator West, who is my friend, and with whom you will freely communicate.

Yours, very truly,

J. MADISON WELLS.

Witness said when he first alluded to these letters they were in New Orleans, but had been received by him to day.

At this point Senator West entered the room, when Field asked him to open the letter addressed to him. Senator West replied that he would open the letter, and read the contents, as follows:

NEW ORLEANS, LA., November 21, 1876.

MY DEAR SIR—I regret much not seeing you when here. I wanted to say something to you which would be at least imprudent to put on paper. I trust, however, to meet you in Washington as soon as the canvass of votes which is upon us. Our duties as returning officers will be augmented by the magnitude of the destiny of two great parties—may I not say the nation? I fully comprehend the situation as well as my duty to the greatest living General, U. S. Grant, and not with my consent shall this oppressed people be governed by his pardoned prisoners, aided by their white livered cowards of the North. Let me, my esteemed sir, warn you of the danger. Millions have been sent here and will be used in the interest of Tilden, and unless there is some counter movement it will be impossible for me or any other individual to arrest its productive results. The gentleman presenting this letter is fully aware of the moves, and if you allow it, communicate freely to our friends and act promptly, or the results will be disastrous. "A word to the wise."

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Mr. Sparks asked if it was Con Magrew, connected with the St. Louis whisky frauds, and Maddox answered he thought that it was.

The committee then went into private consultation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 3.—The sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections resumed its session to-day, Senator Howe chairman.

J. F. Littlefield, in reply to questions, related incidents in his later life, from which it appears he lived in New Orleans from 1868 subsequently in Galveston, returned to New Orleans in 1871, has held various public offices there and lived in concubinage five years, and was elected by the Returning Board from the 9th to the 22d of November. Gov. Wells made the suggestion to him of altering the returns on Sunday evening, between 3 and 9. Gov. Wells called witness to him, and putting his finger on Polls 2 and 9 of the electoral vote of Vernon Parish, said: "Littlefield, I want you to transpose these returns for the purpose of electing the Republican candidates;" witness transposed the returns that night; Eaton was drunk Sunday evening, as all were, and promised to assist him, but being sober the next morning refused; finished the work Monday, and the returns with the others and it was brought back Tuesday, and marked "compiled;" four or five days afterward Governor Wells told witness to destroy it; did not know whether he or Governor Wells destroyed the returns; when witness told Spearing, the State's stable keeper, about Vernon return, it was in the presence of Gifford; the latter thought it was a big thing, and wanted witness to come to Washington with him where we could obtain $100,000 for information; witness replied that he would have nothing to do with such a proposition; Gifford telegraphed to Washington that Eaton evening and morning the matter; it was to the effect that he had received important information of great importance. The dispatch was sent to Senator Allison by Gifford. The latter showed witness a dispatch from Senator Allison to him saying: "Consult Howe; he is safe." Witness knew if Gifford said anything there about it, witness would never get out of New Orleans alive, if the Republicans knew it; Spearing wanted witness to allow him to use this information: it would, he said, be for his interest.

Senator McDonald showed witness a paper, which he identified as the returns of Vernon parish, of the polls and No. 9. The nine and seventy-one votes were the Democrats he changed to Republicans where there were no votes. In making the fabricated return after the original return had been destroyed, witness and Davis used the regular consolidated blank forms. The object was to make it appear that the returns had been rejected rather than that the votes had been transferred. The three polls fabricated aggregated 179 Democratic votes. There was one more vote in the fabricated list than in the original. Judge Davis was informed about it, and said that was near enough. Davis was Parish Judge, Baton Rouge. In four days after the list was promulgated. Davis furnished evidence. Wells saying it was about as good a thing as he ever saw. Witness read the affidavits furnished by Wells, and thought Davis was right. Two of the affiants lived in Texas and the other at Baton Rouge. Witness afterward copied the affidavits; they were sworn to before United States Commissioner D. J. M. A. Jewett, Secretary of the Republican Committee on Registration and Canvass. The night that Gifford sent the dispatch to Washington, to Allison, he was very much under the influence of liquor. Witness urged him not to send the dispatch, but he insisted. He said if witness would not come Washington with him, he could go to the Treasury or to the Manager of the National Republican party; thinks he mentioned the name of Chandler, and he would go at once to the Treasury and get the $100,000 for the information. He was so drunk that witness thinks he had to copy the dispatch for him. It was a copy of the tabulation of each parish in Louisiana, as they were received by the Board from the Supervisors, that was furnished by Mr. Hale, and at his request the witness and Mr. Woodward made a copy for Mr. Hale, who took it and left. Afterwards we discovered a mistake and went with the original to Mr. Hale and corrected the error. Mr. Hale left New Orleans a day or two after. This occurred on Thanksgiving Day, and Mr. Hale dined with Mr. Packard that day. Governor Palmer learned that Mr. Hale had been furnished with information which he had not received, and wanted to know why he had not the same courtesy as Mr. Hale had. He asked for a copy of some document which had been given Mr. Hale, and asked witness to come back at eight o'clock to see him; witness promised, but did not go.

To Mr. Howe—It was after the promulgation of the electoral returns that Wells requested witness to make up false returns, the fictitious return is correct, or within two votes of being a correct copy of the original return destroyed.

The witness was subjected to an hour's cross-examination by Mr. Howe, and was unable to state why when Wells asked for three polls that would make up the aggregate of polls 2 and 9 they were destroyed. He or Davis did at once tell him that the 174 votes were to be found in polls 2 and 9 ready-made to his hand.

Adjourned till Monday.

Why Is It Done?

Why do millers and dealers order paper bags printed to imitate White River bags? Something every consumer cannot be too careful of when they buy flour.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Roumanian Territory Invaded by Turks.

English Trade Suffering Through American Competition.

THE HORRORS OF CIVIL WAR IN SOUTH AMERICA.

A Town Pillaged by Drunken Soldiers.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Terrible Scenes at Call.

PANAMA, January 19.—A letter to the *Star and Herald*, giving details of the recent horrible scens at Call, in the Cauck Valley, says General Pena, who commanded the Liberals, was drunk, and gave his drunken soldiers five hours' freedom, during which they gave themselves up to every excess. Neither age nor sex were spared. Many Conservatives were dragged from their hiding places and killed before the eyes of their wives and daughters, who met a worse fate before being killed in turn. Eighty-seven houses in the centre of the city were plundered, churches robbed, and murders without number. Several hundred foreigners lose from $150,000 to $200,000 in Call alone. In the suburbs these scenes were kept up for several days, and the country is nearly ruined. Palmi escaped the fate of Call by paying $20,000 ransom. The houses of the Italian consul and of an American merchant named McClure were plundered. Fears are entertained that the civil war will degenerate into a war of races. Foreigners are flying.

The letter detailing the massacre continues: Crowds of furies in the shape of women of the lowest class; in many cases with their offspring at their heels, swarmed in the streets, hounding on the excited mob not to break down all doors not immediately thrown open. The streets were decked with red rags, shawls, handkerchiefs, table covers, petticoats, everything bearing the distinctive colors of the invaders. All trusted to the broken reed for safety. By midday most of the stores were cleared of their contents. Women, children and children were staggering in every direction under the burden of their spoils, and were in turn maltreated, knocked down, sometimes even killed, and deprived by their fellow thieves of the proceeds of their robberies. Barrels and cases of wine and spirits were turned into the streets, and a saturnal of drunkenness began that will never be forgotten by those who have had the misfortune to witness the deplorable scenes. After the first rush on the stores had procured them an abundance of drink bands of frenzied men other individual to arrest its productive results. The gentleman presenting this letter is fully aware of the moves, and if you allow it, communicate freely to our friends and act promptly, or the results will be disastrous. "A word to the wise."

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To Mr. Howe—It was after the promulgation of the electoral returns that Wells requested witness to make up false returns, the fictitious return is correct, or within two votes of being a correct copy of the original return destroyed.

The witness was subjected to an hour's cross-examination by Mr. Howe, and was unable to state why when Wells asked for three polls that would make up the aggregate of polls 2 and 9 they were destroyed. He or Davis did at once tell him that the 174 votes were to be found in polls 2 and 9 ready-made to his hand.

Adjourned till Monday.

RUSSIA.

The Eastern Question.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 4.—Prince Gortschakoff's circular note, which is addressed to the Russian representatives at the courts of the other guaranteeing powers, is published in the *Official Gazette* to-day. The note first calls to mind the fact that through Russia's initiative an understanding between the great powers was brought about at the beginning of the Eastern crisis. This agreement was disturbed by the rejection of the Berlin memorandum, but was shortly afterward restored on the basis proposed by England. The powers at the conference unanimously submitted their demands to the Porte, which declined them.

Prince Gortschakoff considers that Europe, by its united diplomatic action, has proved that it is pledging itself in the maintenance of peace in the East, and that it is recognized to be be its duty as well as its right to co-operate for that end on behalf of the general interest. The Russia being guided by a desire to maintain European accord in the new phase of the Eastern question, has, before coming to any decision in the matter, instructed its representatives to ascertain for certain what course the Governments to which they are accredited means to pursue in view of the refusal of the Porte to accede to their unanimous wishes.

LONDON, February 5.—A special from Frankfort says a treaty between Roumania and Russia is on the point of concluding operation. The Russian army received orders on Saturday to be prepared to cross the Pruth if the Porte concentrates troops on the Dalmation frontier.

TURKEY.

The Peace Negotiations.

BERLIN, February 3.—It is said the representative of Turkey and Servia have agreed to accept the *status quo ante bellum* without qualifications as the basis of a treaty.

Invasion of Roumanian Territory.

LONDON, February 5.—A telegram from Bucharest says a Turkish band has invaded Roumanian territory and been repulsed by the frontier guard. One of the Turks was killed and two taken prisoners.

Peace Negotiations Broken Off.

A dispatch from Belgrade reports that the peace negotiations between the Servian agent and Turkish Ambassador at Vienna have been broken off in consequence of the Porte's persistence in demanding guarantees the nature of which it refused to specify.

GREAT BRITAIN.

American Competition.

LONDON, February 3.—At the annual meeting of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce to-day the President said the Sheffield manufacturers and workmen had only themselves to blame for the loss of trade with America and the successful American competition with foreign countries. The Sheffield workmen had not come up to the make and style required by customers.

Mandella, member of Parliament for Sheffield, said American competition was successful because the Americans excelled in the rapidity of their adoption of labor saving machinery. If peace was preserved, English trade had nothing to fear, and in any case the English colonies furnished the most promising market. Mandella referred to the importation of American beef as a great benefit to England, and a striking instance of what enterprise and invention could do.

GERMANY.

War Preparations Denied.

BERLIN, February 4.—Reports of the organization of the Landsturm are denied in official circles.

The *North German Gazette* reverts to the anti-German articles in the *Revue Des Duex Mondes*, and says these expressions are significant in France, because a renewal of war against Germany is considered by every one only a question of time, and constitutes a permanent factor in all political calculations.

SPECIE RESUMPTION.

The President's Message to Congress on the Subject—Hints for its Accomplishment.

WASHINGTON, February 3.—The following is the President's message to Congress on the subject of the resumption of specie payments:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

By act of Congress approved January 14, 1875, to provide for the resumption of specie payments, the 1st of January, 1879, is fixed as the date when such resumption is to begin. It may not be desirable to fix an earlier date when it shall become obligatory upon the Government to redeem its outstanding legal tender notes in coin on presentation, but it is certainly most desirable, and will prove most beneficial to every pecuniary interest of the country, to hasten the day when the paper circulation of the country and gold coin shall have equal values. At a later day if currency and coin should retain equal values, it might become advisable to authorize or direct resumption. I believe the time has come when by a simple act of the legislative branch of the Government this most desirable result can be obtained. I am strengthened in this view by the course trade has taken in the last two years and by the strength of the credit of the United States at home and abroad. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876, the exports of the United States exceeded the imports by $120,213,102, but our exports include $40,569,621 of specie and bullion in excess of imports of the same commodities. For the six months of the present fiscal year, from July 1, 1876, to January 1, 1877, the excess of exports over imports amounted to $107,544,869, and the imports of specie and bullion exceeded the exports of precious metals by $6,192,147 in the same time. The actual excess of exports over imports for six months, exclusive of specie and bullion, amounted to $113,737,040, showing for the time being the accumulation of specie and bullion in the country amounting to more than six million dollars, in addition to the national product of these metals for the same period, a total increase of gold and silver for six months not far short of sixty million dollars. It is very evident that unless this great increase of precious metals can be utilized at home in such a way as to make it in some manner remunerative to the holders, it must seek a foreign market as surely as would any other product of the soil or manufacture. Any legislation which will keep the coin and bullion at home will, in my judgment, soon bring about practical resumption, and will add the coin of the country to the circulating medium, thus securing healthy "inflation" of a sound currency, to the great advantage of all legitimate business interests. The act to provide for the resumption of specie payments authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bonds of either of the descriptions named in the act of Congress approved July 14, 1870, entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt" for not less than par in gold. With the present value of 4½ per cent. bonds in the markets of the world they could be exchanged at par for gold, thus strengthening the Treasury to meet final resumption and to keep an excess of coin over the demand pending its permanent accruing medium at home. All that would further be required would be, to reduce the volume of legal tender notes in circulation. To accomplish this I would suggest an act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue 4 per cent bonds, with forty years to run before maturity, to be exchanged for legal tender notes whenever presented in sums of fifty dollars or any multiple thereof, the whole amount of such bonds, however, not to exceed $150,000,000. To increase the home demand for such bonds I would recommend that they be available for deposit in the United States Treasury for banking purposes under the various provisions of the present law for National banks. I would suggest farther that National banks be required to retain a certain per cent. of the coin interest received from them from bonds deposited with the Treasury to secure their circulation. I would also recommend the repeal of the third section of the joint resolution for the issue of silver coin, approved July 22, 1876, limiting the subsidiary coin and fractional currency to $50,000,000. I am satisfied that if Congress will enact some such law as will accomplish the end suggested it will give relief to the country, instant in its effect, and for which they will receive the gratitude of the whole people.

[Signed] U. S. GRANT,

EXECUTIVE MANSION, February 3, 1877.

How They Carried Mississippi.

WASHINGTON, February 3.—J. S. Leecester, President of the Harris County Registration Board, Mississippi, testified before the Senate Committee to-day, that, in accordance with the decision of a conference of leading Democrats, a short time before the election, each Democratic Judge of Election was furnished with a duplicate key to the ballot box in his precinct. Witness also said he slipped a small parcel into the vest pocket of one of the Judges, remarking as he did so, "Here is something which may be of use to you." Did not tell them what use was to be made of them, but thought they were all smart enough to find out how and for what to use them. In answer to a question from Senator Teller, the witness said: "I suppose that my idea was that if there were too many Republican votes in a ballot-box, the key was to open the box that the Republican votes might be taken out and Democratic votes be substituted in their place." Witness admitted that the Republican judges of elections in Hines county were generally ignorant negroes, and it was an easy matter to get them intoxicated on election day.

Henry Outlaw testified to outrages on colored Republicans at their meeting. Witness was at a meeting in Aberdeen during September. At that meeting seventeen colored men were shot, some of them killed outright, and others were so seriously wounded that they since died. The Democrats had a practice of riding through Monroe county at night taking colored men from their beds and whipping them, and many of his race had slept out of doors for several nights previous to the late election, to prevent being dragged from their houses and whipped. Witness was wounded in the shoulder by a bullet at a political meeting in September last. Upon taking the witness stand Outlaw asked to be excused from testifying; he said he should not dare to return home if he told the whole truth.

BREVITIES.

....Chamber of Commerce meeting this afternoon.

....A special meeting of Councils will be held this afternoon.

....Friday evenings have become the swell period in the social weekly calendar.

....A large output of timber from the headwaters of the Allegheny is predicted.

....Six new handsome postal cars are being built at Altoona for the Pennsylvania railroad.

....Two men were killed in a coal mine at Lemonte, near Uniontown, on Saturday, by slate falling on them.

....The Sportsmen's Club will distribute several hundred quails this week through the neighboring counties.

....Many of the Monongahela river miners will resume work to-day at three cents a bushel, an advance of one cent.

....Mary Greenawalt was sent to the Work House for ninety days yesterday morning by Mayor Phillips for vagrancy.

....Ex-County Superintendent Douthett's residence at Swissvale, was robbed a few nights ago of articles to the value of $50.

....Both compartments of the Hiland avenue reservoir have an area of 819.74 acres, and when the water in them is twenty feet deep they contain 117,650.188 gallons.

....A wheel becoming loose on an axle, threw two coke cars from the track, and wrecked them at Suter station on the Pittsburgh Division of the B. & O. Railroad, Saturday night.

....The locomotive house of the Pennsylvania

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PETROLEUM at Antwerp 50½.

BONDS at FRANKFORT, new 5's, 103½.

Gold closed in New York Saturday at 105½.

WE are under obligation to Senator GAZZAM and Representatives LONG and MCELROY for Legislative bills and reports.

THE total debt of Philadelphia, on the first of January last, funded and floating, was $72,890,372.78. This is just a little less than one-half that of New York, with about the same population.

THE Ottoman Government shows its sincerity in making constitutional reforms, by appointing four Christian Governors of provinces. It begins to look as though Turkey had aroused from her lethargy, and really meant reform this time.

IN the Joint Commission at Washington Saturday, the day was consumed in arguments as to the admissibility of evidence and the scope it shall take. There was apparent confusion among the Democracy, but the Republican counsel were clear-headed and united.

PRESIDENT GRANT reports himself misunderstood, in that he does not propose to change the date of the resumption act, but simply proposes a supplement authorizing the issue of four per cent. bonds, into which greenbacks can be converted at pleasure. He thinks this will have the effect of causing gold and greenbacks to approach each other in value, till they will stand at the same rate. This proposal is not particularly objectionable, particularly if it does not force the transfer.

IT SEEMS to have dawned on the Electoral Commission that DAVID DUDLEY FIELD is slightly officious, and Justice CLIFFORD felt called upon to notify the gentleman of the fact, in terms not likely to be misunderstood. FIELD is a good leader in the confidence business being practiced before the Electoral Commission. He is cheeky to a degree, and well fitted to get up the reports of the certain triumph of their cause. But the Electoral Commission is determined that the confidence game shall be played elsewhere.

JOHN KELLY, the new Comptroller of New York City, officially states, in answer to a call from the State Senate, that the bonded and floating debt of that city is about $160,000,000, and the average rate of interest, 7¾ per cent. The Legislature of that State has before it a question which should at once be taken under careful consideration by the Legislature of this State, —that of consolidating municipal debts, and reducing the rate of interest. It is one of the most important questions of the day. We will refer to it at some length to-morrow.

WHATEVER the motive that inspires the committee that is investigating the Auditor General's office,—and possibly other departments at Harrisburg, the result is altogether advantageous. It has already brought to light abuses, and indiscreet not to say illegal outlays of money, and some items to which a taint of fraud is believed to attach. It will be remembered that the Democracy went into power as a reform party, and the Auditor General particularly made a show of cleaning out the impurities so fondly supposed to exist at Harrisburg. It is rather unfortunate for him and his party, that the tables should be turned on him so soon. The real purpose of the committee, however, was to hunt down perquisites in the several offices of the Commonwealth.

THE bill to revise, amend and consolidate existing laws for the assessment and collection of taxes is, we judge, a carefully elaborated measure, possessed of several special merits. A poll tax is substituted for business tax, and the list of taxable articles, under the head of personal property, includes a rigid statement of articles to be included. In place of questions, each taxpayer is to be furnished with a blank, which he is to fill up, and property is to be assessed at its actual value. There are several other features, the merit of the entire affair being its systematizing and condensing several separate laws bearing on the subject. As cities of the first and second class,—Pittsburgh coming under the latter,—are excepted from the operations of this bill, we do not need to notice it at length.

LOUISIANA affairs are becoming quite prominent once more; but the Democrats have determined they do not wish to hear WELLS, as against the reports circulated against him. It does not suit those gentlemen to have the truth, particularly since General ANDERSON testified that one of the Democratic Senators of Louisiana offered him $400,000 to have the State counted for TILDEN. They are not after the truth, just now, but are hunting for material to use before the Electoral Commission. As WELLS is a determined man, the refusal to have him testify will not be likely to prevent his getting the facts before the public. PICKETT and MADDOX were too virtuous to do them any practicable good. Men of their stripe, deadbeats,—acting for 40,000,000 people, are rather too thin.

WE have received a copy of the new local option bill, providing for an election on the third Tuesday of the present month, and every third year thereafter, in the city of Philadelphia, and in every county in this State, in which "license" or "no license" shall be voted; the result to be certified to the Courts, and the granting of licenses to be dependent on the result of the vote in a given county. We fear the bill is defective in two particulars. 1. The time for the first election is too near at hand for the bill to be passed and the preparations for the election to be made in accordance with its terms. As it fixes the third Tuesday in February, and every third year thereafter, the probabilities are that it will defeat its own purpose, unless changed in this particular. 2. It has been said that the bill is designed to separate the Local Option election from other elections, or, in other words, to separate that question from politics. Yet the bill fixes the election on the same day as the municipal elections in the State, which at times will necessarily bring the question into political strife. As to the merits of the subject, we have nothing to say at present; but if the friends of the measure wish it to succeed, they must change the bill in the particulars named. We have already said what we think of the general features of the question, and have nothing to unsay.

THE *Post* will continue to misrepresents and offer sage reflections, based on it, false assertions. It claims we defend perjury and fraud in the Louisiana case. We simply state it was not proven yet, and if proven did not accomplish what the *Post* ignorantly claimed it did,—change the State from TILDEN to HAYES, as there were but 178 votes involved. Of course the men charged embodies an attempt to cover up the ignorance displayed by directing attention to something else. If perjury or fraud is proven, it rests as yet on the Democratic witness,—not on any one else. When the full evidence comes out, and the facts are fully known, we can fully comment; but for the present, the declaration that we hold back the views, or seek to apologize for fraud is simply a wilful lie, and the responsible editor of the *Post* knows it.

THE Mississippi plan of managing elections has come to light. Duplicate keys were furnished the Democratic judges, who opened the boxes at pleasure, and substituted Democratic tickets for those cast for Republicans. This plan has the merit of being peaceful, and at the same time efficient. They have only to open the boxes and make the result to suit themselves. No need of shot-guns, or organized military bodies, or crowds at the polls, or any methods of intimidation. All that is necessary is to let Republicans come up and vote, under the impression that all is right, and then quietly capture and change the tickets. The whole affair is of the nature of a fine art. The fact that such measures were necessary, even to carry Mississippi for the Democracy is rather a severe commentary on the boasted Democratic enthusiasm in that State.

A FLIPPANT reference in an evening cotemporary to the Legislature, in which it is intimated that our members have done practically nothing, gives us the opportunity of saying that the present Legislature has done more hard work and has accomplished more than any Legislature that has been in session at Harrisburg for many years. More than this, the 15th of March has been fixed as the time for adjournment, which will make the present one of the shortest sessions on record, as well as the most important. Aside from the mass of bills examined and rejected, all the measures brought forward, some of them providing for the revision and practical codification of laws, have been carefully and intelligently considered in committees, and thus put on passage in the open session fully matured. The Appropriation bill is practically ready and will be reported Tuesday evening, and put upon its passage. It is easy to make flings at members, but it is proper to recognize valuable service when rendered.

THE President has evidently resolved to urge upon Congress the modification of the resumption act whereby specie payments are to be resumed in 1879. He is grieved, no doubt, by the pardonable desire to bring resumption within his term of administration, but, while the conditions are not unfavorable, we greatly doubt if the necessary legislation can be secured in time. When the resumption act was pending, we urged that it was not necessary to enact that law in order to resumption, as the laws of trade would bring about the same result, possibly in a shorter time than was fixed by law. The outcome has proven the correctness of our prediction. The only law ever needed was one authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to take the necessary steps to actually begin specie payments,—a law of detail merely. The condition of trade essential to specie payments was not dependent on law,—except possibly that which provided for the withdrawal of greenback circulation. This, however, has not operated very largely,—the withdrawals amounting to only about $20,000,000. The great influence has been the balance of trade in our favor, whereby the outflow of gold has been stopped, during the past six months, a change of $7,000,000 in our favor over the amount exported. We simply have developed the trade conditions that were essential to specie payments, and without these we could not resume, no matter what laws were enacted. With them we can resume before the time fixed by law.

PROTECTIVE FACTS.

The doctrine of protection, as applied to the industry of a nation endeavoring to develop its resources, or struggling to free itself from foreign debt, has constituted one of the cardinal principles of the Republican party. In the face of the most strenuous opposition, the doctrine has been maintained, until it has worked deliverance from some of the oppressive features of trade, and turned the balance of foreign trade in our favor. Yet during the fifteen years in which we have persistently held to our protective theory, we have been constantly urged that free trade is best for a country. The cheaper markets, it was urged should be thrown open to the people, and the advantages of low prices given them. It was not considered necessary to find employment, so far as possible, for the industrious, in order that they may have the means to pay for what they get. Yet now, that we have about gotten through our difficulties, we suddenly find free trade countries loudly testifying to the advantages of protection. A large and interesting meeting of the Dominion Board of Trade was held at Ottawa, Canada, about the middle of last month, at which addresses were made by the Governor General and leading politicians and manufacturers. It was, in all respects a representative meeting, both as to political standing, and the varied interests represented.

Yet at this meeting, according to an eastern journal, which carefully epitomizes the proceedings, a request was received from the coal owners of Nova Scotia that the Board would solicit the Government to "protect their interests," now suffering from diminished exports and increasing American imports. Mr. MCKENZIE desired an expression in behalf of increased duties on refined sugars. He pointed to this country as an evidence of the great advantages of protection, and advised those who sought reciprocity with the United States to use protection to build up Dominion industries to a point at which their magnitude would compel the end sought. The delegates from Ottawa sought protection to help the lumber trade, representing that the cheapening of prices by free trade was worthless when, as now, it gave nothing with which purchases could be effected. And the same instrumentality was sought to check the flow of population to the United States and start iron mines that now lie idle. The delegate from St. Catherine's, speaking to this point, said that Canada, with free trade, has to pay as high prices for pig iron and bar iron and steel rails as they cost in the States; but while in the States, with a protective tariff, the cost is paid from one hand to the other; employment is given to labor and a market created for agriculture and other fabrication; in Canada production is killed and the whole purchase is made abroad. Under free trade now, the United States buy and manufacture Canadian iron ore and return it with the costs of transport, fabrication and profit, and return flour with it, to the destruction of all Canadian property and of all home industries. He added that the Dominion Grangers had passed a resolution in favor of protection to agricultural industries; and that under a contrary system the imports of the United States had increased as well as the exports. And the argument was clinched by showing that under a 17½ per cent. duty the Canadian boot and shoe trade is flourishing. Other gentlemen remarked that there is a great increase of protectionists in the Dominion, and that the increase is steadily being enlarged, and that the present fiscal policy is driving consumers out of the country, and diminishing Dominion trade. The discussions that are indicated by this reference were brought to a head in the following resolution: "Resolved, that the principle of protection to the manufacturers of the country is of vital importance to its prosperity, and that in any revision of the tariff this principle should be embodied." The resolution was adopted by a majority of more than one-third of the whole Convention.

Here is a people who have been educated by Great Britain that free trade is the great boon of nations. It is allied to England politically, and its government is presided over by an English Governor General. Yet with every influence operative toward a declaration in favor of free trade, it is compelled by its material interests to throw them to the winds, and declare in favor of protection, both as a principle and a fact. It shows that experience will overcome theory, and necessity will melt away prejudice. Yet in the face of these facts, we have a constant effort in progress in this country to destroy laws that have been our salvation. The protective tariff in force has done so much to carry us safely through the depression that followed the panic of 1873, that we incline to think at times that its greatest benefits have been manifest within the past three years. But for it, our manufacturing interests must have been crushed. England has had business depressions, and with free trade, her manufacturers, with their large capital, would undoubtedly have put forth desperate efforts to break down our manufacturers and so seize the American market. The past affords proof of the probability of their success. But our protection tariff stood in their way, and our mills, while not driven night and day, have been running more or less regularly, supplying our home market, and furnishing enough employment to at least break the force of the hard times from the poor. It has thus been of great service to us; and at a time when its merits are being recognized by those who have heretofore opposed, we should hold all the more tenaciously to the doctrine of protection.

HOME LIFE IN AUSTRALIA.

A Young English Woman's Happy Experience.

A young woman who emigrated from England to Queensland has written two sprightly letters to friends in the old island home, which are printed in the Middlesex *Register*. She tells her sister in England, who talks of joining her, that she may as well make her wedding dress before she leaves, as wives are badly needed in that distant colony. "And now with regard to your luggage. Get a good, strong wood or tin box, and pack in all the things you do not want on the voyage—do not open the box. Have a large carpet-bag with what things you want for the voyage. Leave home in a thick dress, and have a thin dress in the bag for the weather. Also, some change of old linen —not too much—a little tea and sugar, a few sweets and biscuits, and a piece of cheese you will find the nicest. Don't forget to bring some baking powder; you will find it very useful on the voyage. You will not want anything for seasickness. If you are ill the doctor will see that you want for nothing. You may bring all your clothes out with you, as you will want warm ones as well as thin ones. If you have any books, bring them, as they will help you to pass many a dreary hour. I would not bring any new dresses, as they are about the same price out here as in England."

In a letter to her expected sister-in-law, the same lady speaks of the superior happiness of wedded life. "Wedded life reminds me of a horse with his feet hobbled —you may go so far, but not any further. You may laugh and talk with your old friends as long as you like; but you must not go out with them to places of amusement, or, above all, accept a present from any. That will never do. But after all it's a jolly, happy life for one to have a home of your own; some one to look after you, and some one to look after, and I find that we girls are better married than single." She speaks of the wildness of the country and their rude domestic arrangements: "I like the bush first rate, and I have a first rate humpey to live in. We have a bedroom and a sitting room, and I cook out of doors. The humpey is a slab one, with a bark roof and a slab floor. Between some of the slabs there are cracks large enough to put your hand; but I like the bush, and Harry likes it because he can have plenty of shooting. He often brings home a couple of ducks or water-hens, and sometimes a turkey, and at other times only two or three parrots. I am keeping their wings and tails to send home to you; they will do for your hats. You ask whether the sun shines in summer from 3 A. M. to 7 P. M. No, but it does from 5 A. M. till 7 P. M., and there is no twilight in this country. It is dark as soon as the sun goes down."

FROM RICHES TO POVERTY.

The Head of a Once Aristocratic Family Dying Penniless in an Asylum.

James H. Elmore, who died Friday week in the Asylum for the Insane at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., although a pauper at his death, was, within a few years, worth a quarter of a million of dollars. He was interested in the celebrated Noble oil well, and on making his fortune, he purchased a country seat in Jamaica, L. I., where he led a luxurious life. He became intimate with Aaron Degrauw, and engaged in oil and coal speculations, and built a horse railroad from Jamaica to East New York, which proved a disastrous enterprise, not only to Elmore, but to scores of others who invested their money in it. A quarrel ensued between Elmore and Degrauw, and a number of suits followed between them, the Brooklyn courts being generally the battle ground. Most of the suits terminated against him, and as the judgments accumulated and his petty fortune began to slip away, his household was stricken with anxious sorrow and dread of impending misfortune. His daughter died, and he was stricken with disease from which he did not fully recover. When an important case which had been taken to the Court of Appeals was decided against Elmore, and the news was taken to his home, his wife dropped dead on the parlor floor. The houses and lands were hers in fee simple, and she died without a will, her husband's life interest in the estate was sold by the sheriff to satisfy judgments, as were the personal chatteis. The Elmore family were turned into the street, virtually paupers. One Scott, a toll-gate keeper under Degrauw, bid off the mansion. An interest in some hotel property in Jamaica was sold under execution, the last property to be seized. On Christmas night a year ago Elmore's eldest son was killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad. The father, now broken down, was taken to the asylum, his intellect shattered under accumulated disaster. James Elmore inherits an interest in the old homestead. He is the only son, and his inheritance is all that remains of the family property.

Time's Changes.

"One year ago Mrs. Belknap was the toast," says Mrs. Clemmer. "She read so much about the splendors of her beauty and the wonders of her toilet that she grew to believe herself to be a little above any of her earthly sisters. In three years she was utterly transformed in aspect from a gentle, subdued-looking widow to an airy, supercilious woman of fashion. When Senator Christiancy married a little girl who counted scrip in the Treasury, the society 'leaders' met and debated whether they should receive her or not. Nobody tabooed her so positively and utterly as Mrs. Belknap. She, the daughter of a country doctor, was not willing to receive on equal terms the little 'Countess' of 'Scrip,' suddenly elevated to the dignity of a Senator's wife. But Mrs. Fish went to see the little golden-haired woman, and treated her just as kindly as she could any one—and that is very kindly. Already we have ceased altogether to hear of Mrs. Belknap's magnificent dresses. She lives at the Arlington, and no doubt keeps still her near personal friends; but she is no longer the fashion. Nobody cares whether her shoes are ones or tens."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

—Moody is forty and Sankey thirty-six.

—Florida alligators—Messrs. Field and Tucker.

—He is off in the stilly night—The bank defaulter.

—The tribunal settlement will rest many a weary jaw.

—Houses will not go up while rents are coming down.

—Kid gloves in order to be "the thing" must be side-cut.

—The new Kansas Senator is a pretty Plumb for punsters.

—The compromise bill leaves no room for sutlers. The settlers have it.

—An Erie father furnishes his lovely daughter with $15,000 pin money yearly.

—The temperance societies of Michigan are fighting against cider at a dollar a barrel.

—Prince Bismarck's son Herbert has been appointed Secretary of Legation at Vienna.

—Mr. Tennyson suggested the name of the new English review, *The Nineteenth Century*.

—The base ball players of the future are to wear pants of mail and wire masks to protect their persons from hot balls.

—Lester Wallack is playing "All for Her." That may do in New York, but the law allows her only one-third out here.

—Twenty years ago the Rev. Mr. Moody was tending a Boston shoe store, and looking after the soles of his fellow creatures.

—The Texas fever is raging in Lehigh county, and many families are preparing to move to the "Lone Star" State in the spring.

—In Paris everything in feminine fashions is as tight as nature can endure. The rage even extends to husbands in some cases.—*Boston Post*.

—One-eighth of the entire population of Newark, N. J., is dependent upon public charity, on account of the stagnation in local manufactories.

—Gold, notwithstanding it continues to go down lower and lower according to reports, will never get so low but some persons will stoop for it.

—The new Senator, Judge David Davis, is, it is reported, worth the pleasant little sum of $3,000,000. In one Illinois county alone he owns 14 improved farms.

—A Springfield young man explained a recent runaway by saying that he was driving with one hand and holding his girl with the other, and finding he must let go of one, let the horses go.

—A good many are wont to attribute to Mr. Greely the expression "The best way to resume is to resume." Not so. It was Salmon P. Chase who uttered that terse adage in political economy.

—It won't be long before some long haired poet will break into impassioned song about Gentle Spring. The public is hereby cautioned against any act of violence; treat him gently, but firmly.

—Right in the midst of these hard times, the fluency with which they have been talking millions in Louisiana is discouraging to the man who is trying to earn an honest living on nine dollars a week.

—It is safe to say that the Oregon telegraph operator has gained more of an insight into the inside workings or Christian statesmanship within the last three months than he ever had before in his whole lifetime.

—A severe winter like this has a wider, more trying effect than at first appears. Ice is likely to be so cheap next summer that citizens who attend camp meeting will no longer have any excuse for not drinking water.

—Emerson remarks that the multitude have no habit of self-reliance. We are more than ever convinced of the sagacity of this remark, since Watterson's "One hundred thousand" refused to come to the front, because there was not enough lamp posts in Washington to brace up against. —*Brooklyn Argus*.

STATE NEWS.

CLARION COUNTY produces $30,000 worth of oil every day.

OVER $3,000 were paid out last year by Blair county for fox scalps, and $441.77 by Cambria county for the same purpose.

HENRY FORSHEY, of East Tyrone, for twelve years a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, was killed on Friday at Powelton. He tripped and fell on the track and before he could recover himself was run over by the engine.

WILD turkeys as well as partridges have been sufferers by reason of the length of time the snow remained on the ground. In the Cambria county mountains the other day, a number of turkeys, weak from lack of food, were run down and captured. One of them which, in proper season, would have weighed ten or twelve pounds weighed only three. There was nothing much of it but bones and feathers.

JOHN D. FOREST died at New Castle on Friday morning from the effect of injuries inflicted by himself. He had committed *hari kari*, that is, disemboweled himself. On Wednesday night Mr. Forest complained to his wife that he had a pain in his abdomen. She immediately sent for a physician. When the latter arrived he found Forest lying on his bed showing evident signs of great suffering. The doctor removed some of the clothing from the patient's person, and was horrified to see a sickening gash clear across the abdomen. The bowels were protruding, and were slashed in a frightful manner. It was clear that he was doomed to death. He gave as a reason for the act that he had been suffering from violent mental depression. Mr. Forest was an educated man, and well known. He was recently bookkeeper of the Beaver Falls cutlery works.

The Power of Song.

"Oh, would I were a bird!" trolled forth Kitty Donaghue, as she was brought face to face with His Honor at the Washington Place Police Court, and while he was gazing on her torn silk dress and bedraggled petticoat, and considering whether the homœopathic dose of ten days or the allopathic prescription of three months would best suit her case, she broke out again, "Oh, would I were a bird, that I might fly to thee!"

The effect of her vocalism was marvellous. His Honor blushed, and the clerks reverently made a note of it; the pet sparrows of Jerry Kemp, the janitor, ceased their chirrupping, a superannuated old "bum," sitting on the back seat, wept for the first time in twenty years, and counsellors Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 each abandoned their perusal of the Revised Statutes and asked each other whether Clara Louise Kellogg or Christine Nilsson had come among them in disguise. As the last strains of "Oh, would I were a bird" died away His Honor said: "True, true, I have no doubt of it; but our fondest hopes are blasted. The poet says, 'I never reared a young gazelle.' I have no doubt at the present moment you would like to be a bird, and it will cost you $10 fec expressing your opinion." When she heard the decision of the magistrate she did not quail, bu showed her two hands with outstretched fingers to another young lady in the rear portion of the court room. This young lady, with a charming smile, handed Major Cooney, the chief clerk, two five dollar bills, and said, "Major, that's for Kitty." The Major said, "Kitty, you're discharged." As she waltzed past the Judge's desk she broke forth in song again, and warbled, 'Must we, then, part as strangers." His Honor indignantly said, "Go home at once," and when she got out in the street she paid McEvoy a dollar for going for her friend, and then got on a University place car.

A Winter Idyl.

A little snow drift was lodged under the brow of a hill where it lay all day in the shade. As it saw the sun gleaming brightly on the crust of a neighboring slope, it grew discontented and began to murmur against the Providence that condemned it to so shadowy a situation. Day after day it wished for some one to come and lift it out of that humble spot, and put it where it could gleam and sparkle like the crystals that lay so near it. It was all in vain that the winds told it to be contented, for in its private location there was a safety never known out in the great public, and that it might yet live to see its dazzling neighbor lose its power and pass away. But one bright day, when the air was mild and the clouds had all sailed off, the sunshine fell heavily on the slopes, and the snow that glittered so brightly at first began to sober down into sadness and show signs of failing strength. Before the evening came it had leaked away, so that not even a fragment could be seen, while the shaded drift lay strong as ever under the rim that protected it. And looking out it said, "Lo, the gay life of yesterday has gone forever. Let me be contented. Had I realized my ambition to climb into public notice I would have been wasted and drained off into oblivion."

THE GOLDEN MILE-STONE.

BY H. W. LONGFELLOW.

Leafless are the trees; their purple branches
Spread themselves abroad, like reefs of coral,
Rising silent
In the Red Sea of the Winter sunset.

From the hundred chimneys of the village,
Like the Afreet in the Arabian story,
Smoky columns
Tower aloft into the air of amber.

At the window winks the flickering firelight;
Here and there the lamps of evening glimmer,
Social watch-fires
Answering one another through the darkness.

On the beach the lighted logs are glowing,
And like Ariel in the cloven pine tree
For its freedom
Groans and sighs the air imprisoned in them.

By the fire the old men seated,
Seeing ruined cities in the ashes;
Asking sadly
Of the Past what it can ne're restore them.

By the fireside there are youthful dreamers,
Building castles fair with stately stairways,
Asking blindly
Of the future what it cannot give them.

By the fireside tragedies are acted.
In whose scene appear two actors only.
Wife and husband.
And above them God the sole spectator.

By the fireside there are peace and comfort;
Wives and children with fair thoughtful faces,
Waiting, watching
For a well-known footstep in the passage.

Each man's chimney is his Golden Milestone;
Is the center point from which he measures
Every distance
Through the gateways of the world around him.

In his farthest wanderings still he sees it;
Hears the talking flame, the answered night wind,
As he heard them
When he sat with those who were, but are not.

Happy he whom neither wealth nor fashion,
Nor the march of the encroaching city,
Drives an exile
From the hearth of his ancestral homestead.

We may build more splendid habitations,
Fill our rooms with paintings, and with sculptures,
But we cannot
Buy with gold the old associations!

THE GREAT OPEN POLAR SEA.

Letter From Admiral Porter to Capt. Howgate—His Theory of the Iceberg Obstructions in Robeson's Channel.

Admiral Porter has written a letter to Capt. Howgate regarding his proposed expedition. In it he says: "In my opinion, there is an open sea for two hundred miles toward the Pole; that there are high mountains from which are precipitated the icebergs which lately blocked up Robeson's Channel, and that, had Markham's farthest point been exceeded by 60 miles, the pack would have been passed and open water reached again. Every few years we must expect just such a pack as Capt. Nares encountered, which will probably last for a year or two, and will then break up. If, at the moment of breaking up, men and boats are in readiness to take advantage of the opportunity, a great advance could be made toward the Pole. There are no greater hardships to be encountered as high as 83 degrees than have heretofore been surmounted by the intrepid explorers of the Arctic regions, and when one reflects that a party from the Polaris drifted 1,800 miles on a cake of ice, and that an infant and its mother were all that time exposed to the inclemencies of the Arctic regions, we ought to have no doubt about a company of men, so many, well provided with everything necessary to make life endurable in that desolate region."

The letter continues in substance that the greatest difficulty will be found in keeping up the spirits of the men. To do this the Admiral suggests that each member of the crew selected shall have a knowledge of some useful mechanical trade, and that he be kept occupied at this when in winter quarters. "In the event of such an expedition as you propose," the letter continues, "I see a fine opportunity of utilizing the electric telegraph. Wires could be laid on the ice from ship to ice without much danger of their being carried off by bears or foxes." In conclusion the Admiral states that he can see no objection to the proposed expedition, and hopes it may succeed.

"Old Si" on the Compromise Bill.

"Old Si" approached a crowd of darkeys yesterday and remarked:

"Well de Presydent hab sined de compryniise bill, sho' !"

"Whar' is dat bill enyhow—tell us dat ?"

"Dar I'se lierbul fer ter stall—'kase I'se not purty well 'quainted wid de pervishuns ob de bill. I jess kno's dat hit's er jist p'ogramme fer settlin' dis hear Presydent bizness."

"How are dat bill gwine ter settle hit—dat's de queschin?"

"Well, ez I jess gib out, I'se not herry fermilliar wid de propyzishun, but hit's sorter dis way. I'se 'stood, dat hit's pretendid fer ter sattify bofe sides an' mek needer ob 'em happy—sorter like d'eidin' up a hog, yer kno' whar yer can't gib bofe de hams to de same party widout splin' de 'greament 'an' de hog at de same time!"—*Atlanta Constitution*.

—Sir Edward Thornton sent to the "pound party," given in Washington the other night, a pound of silver quarter dollars.

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At 15c, Wool Striped Oversuitings.
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Also a new line opened to-day, in Single and Double Serges, All-Wool Striped Sateens, All-Wool Striped Brocades, Striped and Plain Cashmere Suitings, together with new novelties in French, English and American Dress Fabrics of new designs at extremely
LOW PRICES.
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Opening to-day, a new and large assortment of Ladies', Misses', Children's, Gents' and Boys'
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We have received and opened to day the following additional Bargains to those we have been lately offering:
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At 50 and 60c per dozen, a line of large Linen Table Napkins, very slightly imperfect.
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Another lot of fine Irish Linens, short lengths, offered at fully 50 per cent. less than real value, in lengths of from one-half a yard to four yards.
CALICOS, CHINTZES.
Also new Shirting and Fancy Calicos, new fancy Percales and Chintzes, new fancy Cretonnes, &c.
At 6¼c, yard wide Dark Chintzes.
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At 37½c up, fine Applique Lace Tidies, formerly 75c up.
NECKTIES.
At 12½c, real Silk Windsor Neckties.
At 12½c, a few Gents' wide all-Silk Brocade Ties.
At 5 and 10c, a few Best Wool Felt Hats, worth 75c
At 75c, Roman Sash Ribbons, worth $1.50.
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FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, February 5, 1877.

The financial market, for the week past, has been quiet and uneventful. It has been marked by the accumulation of currency at the banks, and with but a small demand for loans. The opening of the river has improved trade to some extent, but not sufficiently to make a very perceptible impression on the money market. The demand for short time loans has been rather more active, but at moderate rates, and with good names on collaterals. It is believed that there will be, from this on, a gradual revival of business, which will soon be seen in the financial market. This will do sufficiently to arouse from the lethargy hitherto prevailing, but will not bring about a full revival for a long time to come. Real estate dull, and rents sluggish.

CERTIFICATES OF REGISTERED U. S. STOCK.

We are asked if a registered certificate of United States stock properly assigned and left in blank, with assignment duly verified, is available to any holder. We reply that registered stock thus assigned fully assumes the character of coupon bonds, and becomes payable to bearer, the title thereto passing by delivery. If such certificate should pass from the hands of some person who had stolen it, into the possession of some innocent holder, some person who had, for instance, bought and paid for it, in good faith, in the open market, such an honest purchaser could hold it in the face of all claimants, and all caveats, just as he could hold a coupon bond which had come into his possession under similar circumstances. But it should, of course, be fully borne in mind that registered bonds should not be taken from strangers without proper identification and satisfactory evidence of the genuineness of the assignment and attestation, as both are sometimes forged. Purchasers of registered bonds intending to hold them over the next semi-annual payment of interest should be sure and complete their transfer by sending them to Washington, otherwise the previous holder can step in and draw their interest. And it might sometimes be quite difficult to hunt up the previous owner.

THE BANK TAX.

The fiscal agencies of any country are the wheels upon which business and enterprise are carried along. To clog them, or to place obstructions in their way, is to impair the usefulness of these agencies, if not to destroy them altogether. The banks are the vehicles upon which enterprise is carried forward. For our present purpose capital may be classed as of two kinds—that which is fixed and that which circulates. Now, the capital which circulates is to fixed capital what steam is to a steam engine. Just as the engine is of no practical use without steam, fixed capital cannot be utilized without circulating capital. Thus banks, when afforded a fair chance to furnish the circulating capital. They furnish it, and very properly, under certain restrictions intended to regulate the amount supplied in conformity with the actual demand. But if the banks are hampered and obstructed in their normal operations they cannot respond to the actual demand. And if so hampered the disability re-acts unfavorably upon every dollar of fixed capital within their jurisdiction. — *Philadelphia North American.*

BUSINESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Estimating the clearing house transactions at one-third of the entire business dealings of the country, the New York *Shipping List* thinks that the people of the United States do business amounting to $90,000,000 a year. According to the census of 1870 the realized wealth of the nation was was a little more than $30,000,000,000, and the increase in quantity since that date will hardly make it less than $40,000,000,000 of value. So we find the entire wealth of the nation is turned over three times each decade, with a medium of exchange amounting in round numbers to $750,000,000. Of course, in a very large proportion of the transactions money is never used at all. The modern methods of doing business do away with the use of money almost entirely, except in settling balances and in payment of personal and household expenses. These figures offer no data upon which to estimate the amount of currency needed in the country. The amount which has sufficed—about $750,000,000—is so trifling compared to the aggregate of transactions, about $90,000,000,000, that no definite relation can be discovered between them.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BANK ACT.

The Banking and Currency Committee of the House have recently reported an amendment to the bank act, which amendment provides that the shareholders in national banks shall be liable on one-tenth of the surplus funds, as well as on the capital stock, as now provided. The precise individual liability of a national bank shareholder is in the present law thus laid down: The shareholders of every national bank shall be held responsible for all contracts, debts and engagements of such association to the extent of the amount of their stock therein, at the par value thereof, in addition to the amount invested in such shares. The exception to this provision is where the bank has a capital of five millions or more and a surplus of 20 per cent. on hand. In this case shareholders are made liable only to the amount invested in their shares. A bank of the character last named is not allowed to pay dividends unless surplus is fully up to the 20 per cent.

MASSACHUSETTS RAILROADS.

Speaking of the annual report of the Massachusetts Rail way Commissioner, the Boston *Daily Advertiser* says: "It presents both in a summarized form, and in detail, the fact known by all who take an interest in the matter, that the last year was an unprofitable one for the railroads. There was practically no addition to the mileage, there was a decrease in passenger business, and the railroads carried more freight a longer distance for less money than they had received the year before. The consequence was that the dividends of all the roads combined fell off nearly a million dollars during the year."

Robinson Bros., Brokers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	104¾	5-2's 1868 convus	116
U. S. 6's 1881, coup	113¾	10-40's (regis'd)	110¾
" 1865	108¾	Currency 6's	123
" 1865 new	109¾	New 5 per cents	105¾
5-20's 1867	113	10-40's coupons	111
RAILWAYS.			
N.Y. Central	95¾	Mississippi	6¾
Erie	9¾	Union Pacific	66¼
L. S.	51½	Toledo & Wabash	7¾
C. C. & I. C.	2¾	Harlem	140¾
St. Paul	19	Adams Express	104
Do. Pref	49¾	American Express	82½
Lake Shore	73¾	U. S. Express	50½
Do. Central	47	W. Fargo & Co. Ex	84
Northwestern com.	35	Quicksilver	16
Do. Pref	63¾	Mariposa	8¼
Rock Island	101¾	Hannibal & St. Jo.	11½
Cleve. & Pitts	91	Panama	122
Pacific Mail	21¾	Ft'n Mountain	16¾
Western Union Tel.	78¾	N. J. Central	—
Delaware, L & W.	—	Del. & Hudson	—

Robinson Bros furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board.

P. R. R.	(S) 46¼	Con. Trans (S)	38¾
Reading ($)	14¾	Empire Co. (B	80
U. Cons. of N. J.	(B) 139¾	A. V. R. R.	9½
Oil Creek	(S)	7¾	P. C. & St. L'7's (B 86¾
Lehigh Valley	(B)	47¾	N. Pacific bonds (B 18

NEW YORK, February 3, 1877.

Money 3@3½, closing at 3; prime mercantile paper 4@5. The customs receipts were $329,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $441,000. The clearings were $31,000. Sterling 484½@486¼. Gold opened at 103¾, rose to 103⅝ and closed at 103⅝. The rates paid for carrying were 4, 3½, 3, 2 and 2½ per cent. Silver at London is 57¾ pence. Here silver bars are: greenbacks $1.21¼@1.22½ and gold $1.24¼@1.25½; silver coin ¼ discount to par.

The following is the bank statement:

Loans, increase	$ 855,700
Specie, decrease	1,481,900
Legal tenders, increase	1,152,900
Deposits, increase	466,100
Circulation, decrease	67,600
Reserve, decrease	944,325

Governments were active and strong. Railroad securities were generally firm. State bonds were quiet and nominal. The stock market opened 1 to 1¾ per cent. early in the day on rumors from Chicago that some roads were cutting rates on eastern bound freight, but during the afternoon the market became firm and advanced 2 per cent., with the best prices of the day generally current at the close. Lake Shore closed at 73¾@74. Delaware, Lackawanna & Western advanced to 95¾. Delaware Div. to 91, St. Paul common to 19¾, preferred to 49¾. Lake Shore to 74¾, Union Pacific to 66¾, Hannibal & St. Joe common to 11¾, preferred to 29¾, Wabash to 7¾, Fort Wayne, 101, Terre Haute, 100¾; do. preferred, 114; Chicago & Alton, 102; do. preferred, 114; Ohio & Mississippi, 6¾; Delaware & Lackawanna, 95¾; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, 16¾; Missouri Pacific, 34¾; Indiana Central, pany, 16; Missouri Pacific, 34¾; Indiana Central, 12¾; Burlington & Quincy, 115¾; Hannibal & St. Joseph, 11¾; Central Pacific, 107¾; Union Pacific, 66¾; Union Pacific Land Grant, 103; Union Pacific Sinking Fund, 97¾.

The Evening Post, February 3—3 P. M.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £67,000. Consols 95 11-16@95 ¾ for money, 95 13-16@95 ¾ for account; new 5s, 107¾; New York Central, 99¾; Erie, 9¾; do. preferred, 21.

PARIS, February 3.—Rentes, 106f 30c.

FRANKFORT, February 3.—United States new fives, 103¾.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, February 3, 1877.

There is no change to note in the value of any of the leading articles, and while the demand continues of a hand-to-mouth character, as both retailers and consumers are buying only as their immediate wants necessitate, there is a very fair business in the aggregate.

APPLES—May be quoted at $1@1.50 ₱ bbl for common to good and $1.75@2 for choice fruit, with a light demand.

APPLE-BUTTER—Continues dull; quoted at 35@40 ₱ gallon in kegs and firkins.

BROOM CORN—Demand fair for the better grades. We quote from actual sales: Choice No. 1 Hurl, 6¾; choice No. 2 Hurl, 6; choice brush that will work up, 5@5½; choice medium, 4@4½; do. limbed and covers, 3½@4; good crooked, 3@3½.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—$4@4.50 ₱ bbl.

BEANS—Quotable at $1.60@1.75 ₱ bushel for common to fair and $2@2.25 for prime to choice.

BUTTER—No improvement in the demand, and with continued liberal receipts, the supply accumulating and holders all anxious to realize, prices are weak in buyers favor; prime to choice rolls are still quoted at 23@25, but it requires something fine to bring the outside figure.

CHEESE—The market continues very quiet and unchanged. Prime Ohio Factory, 14½@14¾c to the wholesale trade, and 15½@15¾c in a jobbing way.

CRANBERRIES—The supply is light, but prices remain unchanged; $5@5.50 ₱ bbl.

DRIED FRUIT—The market continues very quiet; prices nominal. Apples, 4@5c; Peaches, 12@13c for halves.

DRESSED HOGS—7@7½c ₱ lb.

DRIED PEAS—In good demand at $1.50 ₱ bushel in round lots and $1.75 in a jobbing way.

EGGS—The receipts are increasing and the market is weaker; fresh may be quoted at 32@33, and packed at 28@30.

FLOUR—The general position of the market remains unchanged. As noted in our last report, the market is weaker and the demand less active, although as yet there has been no decline. We continue to quote good to choice brands of winter and spring wheat flours at $7.75@8; ambers, $6.25@6.50; patent process and fancy white wheat brands, $9@10. Rye flour, $4.75@5.25.

GROCERIES—Coffee continues dull and weak; within the past three days the lower grades have been reduced fully ½c per lb. Sugars are dull and compared with the highest point, roasted has been reduced here 1c. Sugars continue firm, and the advance a day or two ago is fully maintained. There is an increasing demand for Rice and prices are tending upward.

SUGARS.		COFFEE.	
Crushed	13 a	Choice Mocha—green	32 a
Granulated	12¾a	TEAS.	
Powdered	12¾a	Young Hyson ₱ lb	
Cut Loaf	13 a	fair	40 a
A Coffee	11¾a	Gunpowder do	80 a
B Coffee	11¼a	Imperial do	70 a
Extra C	11¼a	Japan do	55 a
Yellows	10 @10¼	Oolong do	45 a
Choice N. O.	9¾a	Souchong	55 a
Prime N. O.	9¼a 9½	RICE.	
STARCH.		Choice Carolina	6¾a7
Choice maple fin. drips	15a20	Choice Louisiana	5¼a6
Fancy Syrup	75a75	Pepper—ground	
Good Syrups	45a45	bulk	17 a
Fair Syrups	40a	Pepper-in grain, 18 a	
Sugar House	30a	Allspice	17 a
Molasses	42a45	Cloves	40 a
Choice N. O.	59a60	Cinnamon Bark	35 a
Prime N. O.	57a58	Mustard Seed	12 a
Fair N. O.	53a55	Nutmegs	@1.20
COFFEE.		FOREIGN FRUITS.	
Roasted Rio, bulk	27¾a	Layer Raisins ₱ bx	@2 25
Roasted Rio, lib papers	28 a	Valencia Raisins per lb	9¾@10
Roasted Java	35 a	Seedless mats, 50 lbs	
Choice Rio—green	25 a	to bbl	5 00
Prime Rio—green	24 a	Choice new Turkey Prunes	7¾a8
Good Rio-green	23 a	Old Turkey Prunes	7¾a8
		French Prunes	7¾@8¼
		Currants—new	7a7¾

GRAIN—The grain markets continue quiet, and in a general way present nothing particularly important. Wheat is in very limited supply, and in the absence of sales, we continue to quote No. 1, 1,50 for fair to prime Penna. and Ohio red; do. amber and white, $1.53@1.55. The Oat market is rather firmer, but unchanged; mixed, 39a40c; white, 39a40c—the arrivals have been comparatively light for some days past. Corn is in better supply and easy, but unchanged; sales of yellow at the wharf and track, at 50a52c. Shelled Corn, 51a52. Rye still quoted at 75a77c, with a fair demand.

HAY—Loose, from country wagons, $11a17 per ton, as to quality. Baled quotable, on track, at $8a10 for prairie and $13a15 for timothy.

HOMINY—We quote at $1.65@1.75 ₱ bbl for best Kiln dried.

MILL FEED—Bran is quoted (on track) by the carload at 17@18 ₱ ton. Seconds and Shipstuffs, $19@20; Middlings, $20@22; Chopped Feed, $22@23.

OILS—Lard's remain steady, with a good inquiry. We quote Procter & Gamble's double extra, 95@96c; W. Alexander & Co extra, 90@95; P. & G. No. 1, 75@85; No. 2, 65@70c. Grades of Miner's native remain the recent advance, with a prospect of still higher prices. We quote Procter & Gamble's White winter at 64@65; yellow do, 59@60 c. Carbon quoted at 23¾ cents to the wholesale trade, and 1a2c additional in a jobbing way.

ONIONS—Scarce, and with some inquiry prices are higher, we now quote at $4.50@4.50 ₱ bbl.

POULTRY—Livecoat chickens, 5@6c per pair, Turkeys, 12a13c. Live Chickens, 40a45c per pair, 60 c the coop.

POTATOES—Selling (in a jobbing way) at $1.15 at 1.30 per bushel, the outside figure for prime Peach Blows.

PROVISIONS—There is a fair trade, and if prices were more settled the demand would be greater. In the absence of anything approaching of a decline, are buying sparingly. We quote:

Hams—Ex S C ₱ lb 12¾; Lard, prime leaf, tes 11¾
Shoulders Ex S. C. 9 | Do. ....Hf bbls 12
B'fast Bacon S. C. 12½ | Do. ....bbls 12½
Dried beef Ex S. C. 13 | Do. ₱ lb caddies 14
Beef Tongues S. C. | Do. ₱ lb do.... 13¾
Pickled Pigs Feet | Do. ₱ pail do.... 14
Bacon Shoulders new 8 | Do. ₱ lb do.... 13¾
Short Rib Sides..... 10 | Do. 6 ₱ do.... —
Clear Sides..... 10¾ | Pig Feet (half bbls. 4 00
Mess Pork ₱ bbl...$18,50 | Do. (kegs)..... 2 00
Short Cut do ..... 19,00 | Ham Sausage..... 9

RAGS—Steady at 2¼c ₱ lb for good country mixed.

SALT—Is quoted at follows: No. 1 Extra ₱ bbl, $1.20; No. 1 common, $1; imported Liverpool per bag, $2.10; 6 ₱ sacks, 80c; 3 ₱ sacks, 40c.

SEEDS—Prime Clover Seed is higher and in light supply; quotable at $9@9.50. Prime Timothy Seed, $2.10@2.15 to the trade and 2.25 in a small way. Flax Seed is in demand at $1.60 for prime.

TALLOW—In easter; city quoted at 8¾c per lb; country, 7¾c.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, February 3, 1877.

CATTLE.

The market this week has been less favorable to sellers, particularly as regarded common cattle, of which the supply largely consisted, and prices for these were generally quoted a shade lower. Of strictly prime shipping cattle the offerings were very light, and prices for these were almost (if not altogether) equal to those of last week, as the supply was scarcely equal to the demand; some droves here that there was not a single drove of the character in question on the market during the entire week. However, the general situation was unfavorable to the selling interest, as, notwithstanding there were buyers from Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore, the advices from those points being unfavorable, they were very hesitantly inclined, and if there had been anything like a supply, good cattle would have suffered as well as the common grades.

While we have had worse markets many a time than that of this week, it was the most unsatisfactory sellers have experienced for some time, and some operators are impressed with the belief that a reaction has set in; they argue that there is no scarcity of cattle (including the best grades) in first hands, and that in view of the general depression in business, with so many people out of employment and a diminished consumption of beef, prices have been unduly inflated and will rule lower. We quote:

Extra 1,500@1,600 steers	5,75a6,00
Prime 1,200@1,400 steers	4,75a5,25
Good 1,100@1,200 steers	4,50a4,75
Fair 1,0 0@1,100 steers	3,75a4 25
Common 900@1,000 steers	3,50a4,75
Stockers, as to quality	3,00a3,75

SHEEP.

The market for this class of stock has also been unfavorable for sellers, and with a very full supply, a diminished demand and a declining market they have ruled lower, prices having declined ¼ a ¾ of a cent as compared with last week. The run has been quite heavy now for several weeks in succession, and but for the blockade of the western roads prices here would have dropped some time ago. New York buyers complained that prices here were entirely too high last week for their market, hence they resolved to lay over this week and see if they could do so at a material reduction, in which (as already stated) they were successful. There is a probability that the decline this week may cause a falling off in the arrivals the coming week, and, if so, the market may stiffen up again. We quote as follows:

Extra 100 lbs	5,75a6,00
Good to choice do	5,25a5,50
Fair do	4,75a5,00
Common do	4,25a4,50
Common 70a75 lbs	3,50a3,75

HOGS.

The market to-day was offish, and while the supply was by no means large, it was fully equal to the demand; as compared with yesterday, there was but little change in prices, but since this day week, there has been a decline of ¼ to ¾ of a cent per lb. The warm, soft weather has a tendency to curtail the demand, and then the decline in Chicago yesterday was not without its effect upon our market to-day. As noted in our report of Thursday, the most of the offerings this week were common in point of quality. We quote:

Philadelphia Hogs	6,75a7 00
Good heavy Yorkers	6,10a6,25
Good light Yorkers	5,75a6 00
Roughs	4,75a5,25

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, February 3, 1877.

WEEKLY REVIEW.

The market for Crude has been very much depressed during the past week, and, as compared with the date of one last review, there has been a very decided depreciation. For this various reasons are assigned, but we apprehend that to a diminished consumption and an increased production, several new wells having been reported recently, have had more to do with it than all other causes combined. The consumption here is not as large as it was by 75 per cent, as nearly all the Standard refineries have been stopped for several weeks. The refined market is also dull; no demand for export, and the home trade demand is also falling off, as it usually does at this particular time; however, the exporters will no doubt commence buying again before long, and there will be no decided improvement in business here until they do. As noted in the GAZETTE of yesterday, the price to home trade buyers here or east of this point, has been reduced 1c ₱ gallon, but western orders, it is said, cannot be placed here with combination refiners under 27c, the Cleveland rate, from which it is evident that there is an understanding between the Pittsburgh and Cleveland combination refiners not to interfere with the trade of each other.

During the past year the consumption increased very materially, in almost every portion of the world—on the continent of Europe about 10 per centum, while the domestic trade is estimated to have increased from 10 to 15 ₱ cent. The improvement in prices is important, in the aggregate, but is not felt oppressively by consumers, as petroleum is at much higher figures, would be much cheaper than any other illuminating material.

It is said that there will be considerable of an addition of the refining capacity this year, as several new refineries are on the way, and some of the old ones, it is said, are being enlarged.

Receipts crude from January 1st to date, 53,663 bbls; same time last year, 18,192 bbls. Shipments of refined from January 1st to date, 50,651 bbls; same time, 1876, 29,540 bbls.

The Crude market was weak to-day, although as compared with yesterday, there has been no change in prices. United certificates, $1.12½; immediate shipment, $1.32½@1.35.

Refined also continues dull, and prices unchanged; combination rate for seaboard delivery, 26¾, and 23¾c by the carload here; outside lots, it is but proper to state, are being offered considerably under quotations.

Oil Barrels dull but unchanged; countries, $1.08; city make, $1.30.

RECEIPTS CRUDE OIL VIA. A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
J. Bushnell	Crystal o w	939
J. Bushnell	Liberty o w	243
S. Craig	Empire o w	80
Bradley & Co	Empire o w	80
Bradley & Co	Caughey & D	154
Total		1,495

SHIPMENTS OF REFINED OIL PER A. V. AND B. AND O. RAILROADS.

Shipper.		Bbls.
American Oil Works	Brough, McK. & Co	Bal. 434
Citizens Oil Co	Do	do 288
J C Fisher	Do	do 50
Standard Oil Co	Warden, F & Co	do 50
Warden & Ornard	Newbold & Son	do 130
Total		992

Stock of Flour in Chicago.

The following table exhibits the stock of flour in store in Chicago for the 1st of each month (or the first Monday), for the past six years:

	1877.	1876.	1875.	1874.	1873.	1872.
January	32,700	25,582	45,700	80,400	62,750	62,531
February	72,812	27,464	60,000	71,000	59,000	85,150
March	24,630	26,445	58,125	41,650	58,750	
April	30,710	48,670	57,450	32,060	48,882	
May	31,120	44,290	49,623	31,150	43,779	
June	32,175	38,430	50,750	39,008	38,491	
July	40,4 9	36,620	42,325	37,360	46,720	
August	29,800	39,790	25,100	33,770	39,100	
September	27,500	22,460	36,673	28,074	32,0 0	
October	26,615	27,640	38,150	35,375	30,575	
November	23,450	25,445	40,575	44,250	49,675	
December	21,559	27,000	32,250	63,362	58,187	

Stocks of Grain in California.

Stocks of flour and grain on hand in the State of California Jan. 1, 1877, compared with stocks on hand Jan. 1, 1876, as reported by the San Francisco Produce Exchange, were as follows:

	1876.	1877.
Flour, bbls	87,785	88,831
Wheat, ctls	2,931,966	3,646,727
Barley, ctls	1,414,000	1,454,640
Oats, ctls	51,567	80,738
Corn, ctls	95,233	142,700
Rye, ctls	9,662	14,045

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, February 3, 1876.

FLOUR—Quiet and firm.

GRAIN—Wheat unsettled, but generally higher; No. 2 Chicago spring $1.26¾ cash; $1.27¾@1.27¾ March; $1.29¾ April; No. 3 $1.15@1.17. Corn quiet but firm; 42¾c cash; 42¾@42¾c bid March; 46¾c bid May. Oats steady; 35¾c cash; 36¼ April. Rye quiet at 68c. Barley firm at 86c.

PROVISIONS—Pork strong and higher; $16 cash; $16.20@16.22½ March; $16.40@16.42½ April. Lard dull; $10.65 cash; $10.75@10.77½ March; $10.87½@10.90 April. Bulk meats quiet and unchanged. Dry salted shoulders at $6.75@6.87½.

WHISKY—$1.05.

New York.

NEW YORK, February 3.—Flour in moderate demand; unchanged; receipts 8,000 bbls. Rye flour and Corn meal unchanged. Wheat dull; receipts 8,000 bushels; ungraded spring $1.30@1.34; No. 2 red winter, weaker and quiet at $1.47@1.48; No. 1 Milwaukee spring, nominally called, $1.44. Rye firm; western nominal. Barley in buyers favor. Malt dull; Canada 90@92c. Corn dull and steady; sales doing; receipts 68,000 bushels; old No. 2 Chicago store 60c. Oats firm; receipts 23,000 bushels; Western mixed and State 39@42c. Hay and Hops unchanged. Coffee quiet. Sugar scarcely fair to good refining 9¾@9¾c; prime 9¾c. Molasses quiet. New Orleans 44@47c. Rice steady. Hosin unchanged. Turpentine steady at 44c. Eggs, western 28@30c. Pork steady; inspected $16.90@16.92½. Beef quiet. Middles dull; long clear and western 8½c; city 9@9½c. Western hogs $7.50. Lard dull; prime steam $10.87½@11. Butter dull; Western 13@20c. Cheese firm at 7@14c. Whisky steady at $1.05@1.06.

Metals.—Manufactured copper steady; Ingot Lake firm at 20½@21c. Pig Iron quiet and unchanged; Russia sheet 10½@11c, gold. Nails steady; cut $3.00; clinch $4.50@5.50; horse shoe No. 2 $6@6½.

Petroleum.

(By Western Union Telegraph.)

OIL CITY, February 3 — The *Derrick* says: Petroleum opened at 24¾, advanced to $4.26, with some sales made quietly at $4.25¾, under large offering declined to $4.10, recovered to $4.19½, declined to $4.11¾, strengthened again and closed firm at $4.13¾ bid and $4.12½ asked. The last sale of the day was 5,000 bbls. old at $4.11¾. No shipment quotations. Tanks common to good common 7@7½c. Molasses steady; centrifugal 35@40c; common 40c; fair 25@30c, others unchanged.

MEMPHIS, February 3.—Cotton quiet and steady at 12c; sales 1,220 bales; receipts 1,700 bales; shipments 2,600 bales. Others unchanged.

Oswego.

OSWEGO, February 3.— Wheat steady; No. 2 Milwaukee Club $1,36; No 1 do, $1,36; extra white Michigan $1,48. Corn quiet; western mixed 60c.

Cotton.

NEW YORK, February 3.—Cotton firm at 11 15-16@11 13-16c; futures closed firm; February 12 3-32@12 1-16c; March 13 1-16c; April 13 9-16@13 11-16c; May 13 15-32@13 ½c.

SAVANNAH, February 3.— Cotton: middlings 12¼c; net receipts 1,749 bales; sales 300; Great Britain 4,982; coast 234.

CHARLESTON, February 3.—Cotton quiet; middlings 12¾c; net receipts 1,231 bales; sales 200; Great Britain 1,967; coast 40.

MOBILE, February 3.—Cotton firm; middlings 12c; net receipts 4,275 bales; sales 1,000; continent 1,600; channel 1,270; coast 61.

GALVESTON, February 3.— Cotton nominal; middlings 12c; net receipts 965 bales; sales 2,852; exports to Great Britain 200; continent 2,700; coast 2,567.

Live Stock.

CHICAGO, February 3.—Cattle: receipts 570 head; shipments 2 300; market dull and weak; cows and stock steers at $3,10@3,25; fair to good steers at $4,30@4.45. Hogs, receipts 4,800 head; shipments 2,200; market dull, weak, and 5@10c lower; culls $5; common to good light shipping $5.60@5; choice to extra assorted do, $5.60@5.85. Sheep: receipts 20 head; market weak and lower all round; sales at $3@4,50.

CINCINNATI, February 3.—Hogs steady; common $5@5.50; fair to good light $5.60@5.85; packing $5.90@6.15; heavy butcher $6,20@6,40.

ST. LOUIS, February 3.— Hogs and cattle: nothing doing; unchanged.

INDIANAPOLIS, February 3.— Hogs unchanged; receipts 993 head; shipments 285

Wool.

BOSTON, February 3.—Wool in fair demand; holders very indifferent about selling, being confident prices will be sustained; sales have not been of any extent; Ohio and Pennsylvania X and above 46@50c; combing delaine quiet; choice domestic combing 50@52c; fine delaine 47c; pulled super and X 39@50c; combing pulled 45@50c.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, February 3.—The print market was active and strong, with an upward tendency. Manchester and Dunnell's fancy prints advanced to 8 cents. Cotton goods are in steady demand and firm. Boston ducks advanced ¼ cent. Ginghams are quiet. Dress goods are in fair request. Men's wear woolens are less active. Foreign goods are quiet.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS R. R.—6 bbls apples, W H Glenn; 24 do 5 tubs butter, R. Albert & Wr; 4 do, Heaz, C & Co; 2 kgs do 20 kgs potatoes, J O Fruit; 18 bgs meal, D Crawford; 2 bbls flour, Jenkins Bro; 34 cads tobacco Johnson, Bro & Co; 1 bx to mdse, H E Bruce; 5 do mdse, Fleming, A & Co; 15 bbls flour, Porterfield & Co; 23 bgs buis tobacco, H Landis; 2 1-2 do, 9 Kans; 3¾ do, J Faller; 10 bxs soda, H E Borchardt; 10 bgs twine, Herzog & B; 5 cads tobacco, C M Sloss; 20 bgs potatoes, Voigt, M & Co; 3 bxs yeast, Kramer & S; 4 do mdse, D Kirkpatrick; 10 bbls whisky, J Alfeldt; 10 do, J S fferth; 5 kgs do, A Glockner; 1 bx paper, C D Coffin.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS R. R.—1 car flour, Langenheim & S; 40 sks do, Keel & R; 2 cars do 25 bxs starch, T C Jenkins; 50 bbls spirits, Hostetter & S; 15 bbls oil I Car hams, R Owens; 3 cases butter, Whitmore & Co; 2 cars staves, B D Moore; 1 car bay, J Hoting; 3 tubs butter, J F Bradshaw; 6 rolls leather, Jas Callery; 1 bbl sugar, 1 do beans 6 tubs butter, Peabody, H & Co; 1 car hay, J G Miller; 1 do staves, J McKee; 1 car hay, S B Floyd; 1 do chop, Laing & McK; 50 bbls whisky, Ellsworth Bros; 21 pkgs do, J S Dilworth; 161 bxs cheese, N J Braden; 7 do, Head, C & Co; 2 bbls eggs, J H Loh; 28 bgs seed, A Kirkpatrick; 10 pkgs starch, J Renshaw; 1 bxt tobacco, Haworth & D.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R. Co.—1 car lumber, S & W H Martin; 1 do beef, Lesley & Co; 42 bbls h o chairs, W H Berger; 2 cars g stone, F Aiden; 83 pkgs fish, A Kirkpatrick; 80 do, Curry & M; 25 refrigerators, 1 bx h mdse, Dennison & S; 3 do, S Hare & Son; 2 do, T Hare Bro; 1 do, McWhinney & Co; 4 do, J B Sheriff & Son; 64 bbls beans, Allen, W & Co; 10 do flour, S Lindsay Jr; 15 do, J A Renshaw; 3 do cheese, J Ladrath; 2 do apples, B L Fahnes; 6 do; 4 do d o, P Duff & Sons; 50 bxs pipe, T C Jenkins; 39 sks rags, McCullough & S; 400 do flour, Peabody, H & Co; 7 tubs butter, Head & McK.

ALLEGHENY STATION.—1 car staves, J M Hostetter & S; 1 do hoops, Haller, R & Co; 1 do, Meyler Bro; 1 do hoops, Haller, R & Co; 14 pkgs oat meal, 3 kegs s butter, H S Blakely; 3 sks meal, R Mason; 8 bbls apples, J Mason; 3 pkgs dry goods, F Criswell; 1 bag beans, 1 bx butter, G McFerron; 1 do, W Creese; 25 bbls r flour' 26 bags do, I Hipple; 1 do, J Bruce, S B Thompson; 1 do bags, Hall & W; 1 do bran, Langenheim & S; 5 bbls flour, J Lockhart; 48 bales c flags, G Smith; 3 cases brushes, H Smith; 1 ck e ware, S J Cupp; 1ot s ware, F Beckert.

RECEIPTS AT PITTSBURGH GRAIN ELEVATOR—2 cars wheat, Marshall, S & Co; 1 do corn, M F Herron & Cy.

Receipts of Pig Metal, etc.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.

Isabella Fur o	1	Graff B & Co o..	1
S. A & Co o	1	Cambria I Wks m	4
Lucy Fur o	18	Spang C & Co t	28
Total			53

PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE AND CHICAGO R. R.

Nimick & Co m	14	ETS Wks o	4
Loomis P Co	1	A Bradley m	2
Isabella Fur o	1	D Nowlen d	1
Isabella Fur o	13	Jones & L m	1
Caughey & H m	1	Moorhead & Co m	3
Total			41

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HOME NEWS.

Falling, possibly followed by rising barometer, northeast, backing to northwest winds, and cooler, partly cloudy, or clear weather, are indicated for to-day.

Parker City.

Parties in this busy oil mart who desire to procure the DAILY GAZETTE can do so by leaving their names with Mr. James Wood, who is our authorized agent for this place and vicinity, and will deliver the paper with promptness and regularity.

A Serious Assault.

A negro named Peter Cooper was arrested about ten o'clock last night, for committing a serious assault upon a woman in one of the upper rooms of the Sportsmens' Club building, on Fifth avenue. The woman was conveyed to the Central Station, and a physician summoned. Cooper, who is janitor of the building in question, was arrested and locked up.

Cutting Affray.

About twelve o'clock Saturday night a man named Stokes while with a party of seven men near the corner of Penn avenue and Tenth street, was cut severely on both arms with a large knife. A man named One-Eyed Jake has been arrested as being one of Stokes' assailants, and locked up in the Twelfth ward station house.

Pittsburgh Female College.

The second term of the Pittsburgh Female College and Conservatory of Music closed on Friday evening with a brilliant concert, which was attended by the elite of the community. The third term will open this morning at nine o'clock. Parents should bear the fact in mind and make immediate application for places for their daughters. The college still keeps in the van of educational institutions.

A Street car Runaway.

Yesterday forenoon about eleven o'clock a car on the Wylie street line, drawn by four horses, had an exciting trip. In the neighborhood of Fulton street the driver lost control of his horses and they ran down the steep grade on Wylie street at a terrible rate, and were only checked in their mad career by one of the horses falling near Tunnel street. Nobody was hurt. The car had four horses to it because it was expected to be the car that would be coming up Wylie avenue about the time that churches are dismissed.

THE GORGE DISSOLVES.

The Allegheny Free From its Icy Barrier.

The ice gorge in the Allegheny river, extending from Sharpsburg fourteen miles up, broke and passed out last evening. For two days it had been breaking loose by fits and starts. Early on Saturday morning part of it went down, and several times between then and last evening immense quantities of ice floated by. At 5 o'clock last evening, however, the river began to run very full of ice. In a couple of minutes the water rose about a foot, and immense quantities of ice floated by. The water rose so much in the neighborhood of Sharpsburg that the people residing along the banks had to get out of their houses. At Iona, several miles above Sharpsburg, and on the opposite side of the river, the lower stories of some of the houses were flooded. The ice continued running for about two hours when the river again became clear. It was reported that the ice had again gorged at the Sharpsburg bridge. The only damage done last evening was the destruction of a ferry-boat house, owned by James Omsbaer, and fastened at Herr's Island. Besides being badly crushed, it was torn loose and carried away. Two barges, with some timber, all moored at Herr's Island were also swept off. So far as could be learned this was the only damage done.

NOT CONTENT.

The Moore-"Post" Libel—The Reasons Assigned by Defendants For a new Trial.

In the case of Moore vs. Barr *et al.* the libel case tried last week, in which the jury found a verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $3,000, just $7,000 less than the jury on the previous trial of the case awarded him, the defendants Saturday morning moved for a new trial and in arrest of judgment filing the following reasons therefor:

1. The damages are excessive, oppressive and under the provocation given by plaintiff unjust to the defendants.

2. The court erred in not charging the jury on the question of damages that under all the evidence they should be only compensatory.

3. The damages are vindictive and highly punitive and not warranted by the evidence, which did not show malice or fact by defendants toward plaintiff, and no oppression, wantonness, or desire to do harm or an intended injury.

4. The court erred in allowing the *Post* newspaper to be given in evidence, the declaration not averring any publication of the alleged libelous article therein.

5. The court erred in not affirming the points of the defendants' counsel.

6. The court erred in affirming certain points of the plaintiff, and in answering the sixth point of the plaintiff as set forth in the answer thereto.

7. Counsel for plaintiff, in addressing the jury, commented in such force and with damaging effect to defendants, yet facts not in evidence, thereby unduly inflaming the jury against them.

8. The jury found a vardict against the weight of evidence unprecedented in character as to the amount and wholly unsupported by any precedent in the history of jurisprudence in Pennsylvania.

The case will come up for argument in regular order.

ORGANIZATIONS.

Committees Preparing for the Year's Work.

The Road Committee of Councils organized on Saturday afternoon by the election of John G. MacConnell as Chairman. Several ordinances were affirmatively recommended, and a resolution passed asking the Finance Committee to make a larger appropriation for the Road Department this year than they did last year.

The pay-rolls, as follows, were adopted: First District, $198.12; Second District, $844.25; Third District, $1,582.16. The annual reports from Road Commissioners, of expenses, were as follows: First District, $4,823.47; Second District, $6,045.62; Third District, $8,051.44.

The matter of the condition of the Centre avenue bridge over the P. R. R. and the Penn avenue bridge, was referred to a special committee.

The Street Committee also organized on Saturday by the re-election of Mr. W. Thomson as chairman. Appropriations of $85,000 for running expenses, and $15,000 for repairs were asked for.

The pay rolls, as follows, were approved: First district $1,545.16; Second district $1,089.24; Third district $674.94; Fifth district $470.63; Sixth district $636.45; Seventh district $261.10; Engineer's department $674.66; Board of Viewers $493.00.

A petition asking the city to purchase that portion of the Washington turnpike which is within the city limits was referred to a special committee of five, consisting of Messrs. Gourley, Rodgers, Neeb, French and Holliday.

Several ordinances laid over from last Councils were acted upon, none of them being of importance.

WORKING FOR THE MASTER.

Anniversary Meeting of the Women's Christian Association.

The ninth anniversary meeting of the Women's Christian Association of Pittsburgh and Allegheny was held last night at Christ M. E. church, on Penn avenue. An address was delivered by Rev. John Gillespis. The report of the Secretary, Mrs. Cornelia McFadden, shows that the Association embraces nine distinct branches, seven of them chartered institutions, free from all incumbrances, whose approximate valuation is $200 000, and whose entire interests require an annual expenditure of $50,000. Two hundred and thirty-three persons were admitted during the year to the Home for Destitute Women, and of this number sixty-six were children. The total expenses were $1,232 19. The Aged Protestant Widows' Home contains thirty inmates. The Sheltering Arms, for fallen women, has already been referred to in these columns. The Young Women's Boarding Home, on Anderson street, Allegheny, is in a highly prosperous condition. One hundred and sixty young women were accommodated during the year. The average number each week was fourteen. Two hundred scholars, chiefly neglected little girls, were in attendance during the year at the Gilmore Mission and Industrial School, corner of Old avenue and Diamond street. At the Ladies' Depository and Employment office, on Penn avenue, during the year, 1,349 articles were made by the depositors and workers. The dress making department is a recent experiment, but promises to be a profitable one, forty suits and twelve overdresses having been made. A new work is under consideration, and a committee consisting of Mrs. F. R. Brunot, Mrs. F. Woods, Mrs. L. H. Eaton, Mrs. O. O. Phillips and Mrs. Thomas McFadden, Jr., has been appointed to make investigations and suggest plans for its furtherance. It is proposed to make an effort in behalf of the homeless, neglected boys under the age of fifteen, who throng our streets by day and sleep at night in printing offices, market stalls, corners and alleys.

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HOUSES BUILT LAST YEAR.

Annual Report of Building Inspector Reed

From the report of Building Inspector Reed to Controller Snodgrass the following is extracted: Total number of buildings erected during, 1876, 369; brick, 229; frame, 73; additions, 14; condemned and taken down, 5; condemned and repaired, 17; chimneys and fire-walls repaired, 8. The total cost of buildings and improvements was $853,200. The largest amount of improvement in any one ward was the Fourth —$126,000. The Thirty-fourth ward is lowest on the list, being only $2,800. The receipts from building permits aggregated $1,205.00. The Inspector says: "There were comparatively a small number of buildings erected this year, resulting chiefly from the depression of business. However, a few good substantial houses have been erected and are in course of erection, among these are the addition to the Seventh Avenue Hotel, at a cost of $20,000; the blocks of buildings belonging to D. C. Irish and W. Stanton, at Penn avenue and Sixth and Liberty and Sixth and Ferry street, costing $70,000; the Second National Bank, costing $42,000; Dr. Hostetter's fine buildings on Fourth avenue, costing about $40,000; the handsome building of the Western Insurance Company, the only polished granite front in the city, costing $25,000. Not many expensive dwellings have been erected, few costing more than five or six thousand dollars."

"BULL-DOZING" A CITY.

Ex-Patrolmen Taking Advantage of Careless Municipal Legislation.

An effort is now making to compel Allegheny city to suffer financially for a bit of careless legislation that occurred in 1872. In the early part of that year the Police Committee added to a resolution changing the pay of the policemen, providing that at time an ordinance had been passed fixing the pay of the Lieutenants and patrolmen at $2.25 per diem each. The Police Committee thought there ought to be some difference in favor of the former in the matter of pay, but as the annual appropriation for the committee had already been made, and as it only contained sufficient to pay the police force for the year at the salaries then current, the wages of the Lieutenants could not be increased, as was desired, without overdrawing the appropriation. The committee concluded, however, to reduce the pay of the patrolmen from $2.25 per day and to add twenty cents per day to the Lieutenants' pay. By doing this they were enabled to make the distinction and yet not exceed the appropriation, because of the excess of patrolmen in numbers over Lieutenants. The committee, however, failed to have the ordinance fixing the pay of patrolmen at $2.25 per day repealed, and their action conflicted, and the law therefore remained in force until last June, when Controller Brown discovered the failure to repeal and called the committee of the fact, and also that he would pay the police only in accordance with the unrepealed ordinance as long as it remained in force. At the next meeting of Councils the ordinance was repealed. During the four years the ordinance was in force, and reduced salary paid the patrolmen, nothing was said about the matter, but now a number of men who were on the force at the time the change was made, and who were afterwards discharged, or resigned, have joined together and engaged a lawyer, Mr. John G. McCombs, with instructions to collect five cents a day taken off them. As some of the men were in for several years they put their claims at $75 each. Mr. McCombs will present a communication to Councils at the next meeting asking that these claims be paid, or he will enter suit against the city for the amounts. At the time the change was made the city had about forty patrolmen. If they should all enter suits for the five cents it would amount to a considerable sum.

SCHOOL ECONOMY.

Mr. Harper's Proposed Retrenchment Scheme—Money to be Saved by Reducing the Number of Principals and Music Teachers.

Mr. Samuel Harper, of the Central Board of Education, has prepared a draft of an Act of Assembly, which he proposes to have introduced into the Legislature this week, reducing the number of school principals in Pittsburgh from thirty-nine to ten. Mr. Harper says that the sums paid for teachers' salaries in this city aggregate $225,000 yearly. Of this amount the principals receive $60,800, or twenty-five per cent of the whole. He thinks a reduction of the number of principals to ten, and the payments to each of a salary of $1,600 per annum, would effect a saving to the city of $44,800. He would give each principal supervision of thirty teachers. The first section of Mr. Harper's bill provides that in cities of the first class the Board of Education shall, in lieu of principals of sub-district schools, elect such number of supervisors as may be necessary to secure a complete supervision of all the sub-district schools in such city. It shall be the duty of the Boards of Education in such cities to arrange the schools in such manner that the school buildings contained in each section shall be as convenient to each other as practicable, that the number of teachers in each section shall not be less than twenty-five nor more than thirty five, and when such supervisors shall have been elected one shall be assigned to each section. It shall be the duty of such supervisors to visit and inspect the schools in the section to which each may be assigned as frequently as may be possible, to assemble the teachers under his supervision at some convenient place within the section on each Saturday during the school year for instruction in methods and such other duties as may be designated by the Board of Education, and such Board shall have power, by standing rules not inconsistent with this act, to define specially the duties of such supervisors, and the manner in which such duties shall be performed. That such supervisors and the superintendent of schools shall constitute a faculty of supervision, of which the superintendent shall be President, the duties of which faculty shall be defined by standing rules of the Board of Education. Another economical idea of Mr. Harper's is to cut down the number of music teachers from six to two, who shall instruct the school teachers, and they in turn shall impart what they have learned to their pupils.

THE PENITENTIARY ANNEX.

Suggestions of the State Board of Charities Relative to it—How it Should be Conducted—The Reform School Appropriation—Financial Aid for Other Institutions.

From the annual report of the State Board of Public Charities, just printed, it is learned that it is proposed to call the prison into which 400 cells of the School buildings, at Wood's Run, in Allegheny, are to be transformed, the Riversids Interstate Prison of Western Pennsylvania. The chief officer shall be known as Superintendent, and the under officers as Guards, in order to show a distinction by name from the penitentiaries. The buildings noted are to be transferred to the State, and then set apart by the State for a prison. The bonded debt of the Reform School amounts to $183,832.13. This indebtedness would have to be assumed by the State, and in addition to this an appropriation of $75,000 would have to be made at once to put the buildings and grounds in a habitable condition. The Western Penitentiary contains all told, 342 cells, and there are now 727 prisoners in confinement there, and there is no hope of any reduction in the number of prisoners. The present crowded condition of the penitentiary endangers the health of the inmates. In many cells there are three prisoners which were intended for only one man. This subverts all moral as well as disciplinary controls.

The Board of Inspectors of the Western State penitentiary is composed of five appointees. The Board of Charities proposes that the number shall be increased to seven, and that these two additional members shall be appointed by the judiciary of Allegheny county, and that the management of the annex prison, as well as the Western Penitentiary, shall be controlled by the enlarged Board of Inspectors as the latter institution now is by the present Board of Inspectors. The method of transferring prisoners must be left wholly to the discretion and judgment of the Board of Inspectors. The basis of transfer should be—1st. On age, making 30 years the limit. 2d. On conduct, none but the deserving under current, should be allowed the benefits